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DEATHS.

NEWPORT—December 30, 1923, at Ballinakill House, Waterford, after a brief illness, Robert Newport, late of Reading Pool, third son of the late Robert Newport, Dunkpit, Waterford. Funeral Service at Ballinakill Church at 2 o'clock to-morrow (Tuesday). Interment immediately after.

SHORT—December 29, 1923, Mary Christina, beloved wife of P. M. Short, 72 Leinster rd., Rathmines. Funeral (private) to Glasnevin this (Monday) morning.

SHEYD—December 28, 1923, at his residence, Mount Gamble, Swords, Robert Hardcastle Sheyd, aged 90. Funeral to Swords Churchyard, 2.30 p.m., to-day (Monday), 31st December. No flowers, by request.

WALLACE—December 28, 1923, Emily E. Wallace, late of 26 Charleston rd., Ranelagh. Funeral arrives at Mount Jerome 11 a.m. to-day (Monday).

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Misses Burke return grateful thanks for kind sympathy, and trust this will be accepted as acknowledgment.

Mrs. Jennings and family return sincere thanks to the many kind friends who sent letters and messages of sympathy to them in their recent sorrow, and regret they are unable to reply to each individually.

IN MEMORIAM.

DALY—In loving memory of mother, died at Haslebrook, December, 1918. Gone, but not forgotten by Agnes Daphne.

DUDGEON—In loving memory of James Dudgeon, who died at his residence, 37 Lower Beechwood av., Ranelagh, on the 30th of December, 1922. Deeply regretted. Interred in the one and only.

NATHAN—In sad and loving memory of Edmund Kevin, second son of Thomas Nathan, 44 Lower Beechwood av., Dublin, who passed away in London 31st December, 1922. R.I.P.

PARKER—In memory of John Alexander Parker, J.P., who passed away at 43 Cherryfield av., Seapford, Dublin, December 31st, 1922, for many years Head Postmaster and Distributor of Stamps at Mullingar, Wexford and Bridgnorth. He rests with our children (Eleanor Mary and Violet Alexandra) at Mount Jerome, Dublin. "Lest we forget."

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HATCH—In loving and faithful memory of darling Pendrey, Captain, A.V.C., fourth and beloved son of the late Mark Hatch and Mrs. Hatch, Mill House, Dulcek, Co Meath, passed in France 1915, passed into the higher life December 30th, 1922.
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We seek the land,
Missing thy voice, thy touch, and the true helping
Of thy pure hand.
Till through the storm and tempest safely
anchored
Just on the other side,
We find thy dear face through death's shadows
Not changed, but glorified.

TURNER—Lost on H.M.S. Aragon, torpedoed in the Eastern Mediterranean, December 30, 1917, Corporal Alan Norman, R.I. Regiment, the dearly-loved youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tyrie Turner, Carrick-on-Suir, aged 19 years and 2 months.
Not gone from memory, not gone from love,
But gone to his Father's Home above.

BIRTHS.

ELLIOTT—December 23, 1923, at "Rathlin," Victoria rd., Clontarf, to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Elliott, a son. (Richard Noel).

GAVIN—December 19, 1923, at Orislown House, Kells, Co. Meath, the wife of C. Gavin, of a daughter.

LYON—December 28, 1923, at 16 St. Kevin's Gardens, Dartry, to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lyon, a daughter.

RONALDSON—December 23, 1923, at Sandbrook, Sydenham, Belfast, to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ronaldson, a son.

WALPOLE—On Christmas Day, 1923, the wife of William Walpole, Dangan, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, of a son (William Noel).

WHELAN—December 18, 1923, at 36 Belmont av., West, Belfast, the wife of Robert H. Whelan, a son.

MARRIAGES.

M'CAMMOND and STRAFFORD—December 24, 1923, quietly, at Windsor Presbyterian Church, Belfast, by the Rev. J. Irwin, M.A., D.D., assisted by the Rev. J. Pyper, B.A., Arthur N. W., second son of the late Colonel W. E. C. M'Cammond, Innisfayle, Donegall Park, Belfast, to Muriel, only daughter of the late Alec. Strafford, Edinburgh.

McCLURE and DOUGHERTY—December 19, 1923, at Donoughmore Parish Church, Co. Wicklow, by the Rev. D. A. O'Connor, R.A., Edward, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McClure, Gracehill, Co Antrim, to Lily, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dougherty, Coolmoney, Co. Wicklow.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

BREEN—December 30, 1923, at her residence, Castleknock, Nora, wife of Michael Roche Breen. R.I.P. Funeral private.

BRETT—December 27, 1923, after a long illness, at 20 Sigrin rd., Dublin, Linda Kearns, dearly-loved wife of Charles Tindal Brett. Resting, "Until the day break and the shadows flee away." Funeral (private) to Mount Jerome. No flowers.

BURNS—December 29, 1923, at Northampton, Elizabeth Ellis, widow of Rabbi William Burns, late of Charleville rd., N.C.R., Dublin. Funeral to Mount Jerome. Arrangements later.

CHAPMAN—December 27, 1923, at 3 Castlewood Park, Rathmines, Emma Elizabeth, wife of James Chapman.

CLARKE—December 29, 1923, at her residence, Knockouiart, Shankill, Mary, widow of the late Eugene Clarke, Hibernian Bank, Bray. Funeral private. No flowers.

COATES—December 24, 1923, at Rathmore, Dunmurry, Co. Antrim, Margaret Airth, widow of the late Victor Coates, D.I.

COSTELLO—December 29, 1923, at 29 Church st., Sligo, William Francis Costello (Gilligo). The Funeral Service at Drumcliffe Church on (Monday).

DURNO—December 28, 1923, at Southend-on-Sea, Alexander Leith, younger surviving son of the late Alexander Leith Durno, of Cushiestie, Aberdeenshire, and the late Mrs. Durno, of Glenealy, Co. Wicklow.

FINLAY—December 26, 1923, at his residence in Jersey, Lieutenant-Colonel William Finlay, R.A.M.C. (retired), aged 77, son of the late George W. Finlay, J.P., Co. Dublin.

GIBSON—December 27, 1923, at Lisball House, Ballieborough, Thomas Gibson, aged 83. Funeral took place on Saturday to Corglass, 1 o'clock.

GLADSTONE—December 28, 1923, at Simpson's Hospital, Charles J. Gladstone, 11 St. Patrick's rd., Drumcondra, in his 84th year. Funeral private.

KENNEDY—December 29, 1923, at her residence, The Retreat, Lisdeen, Co. Clare, Irene Ivy, third daughter of George J. and the late Blanche Kennedy, and grand-daughter of the late Francis Coffey, C.E., J.P., to the inexpressible grief of her heartbroken father, sisters and brothers, and of a large circle of friends in the I.R.A. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on her soul. R.I.P. Funeral to Kilfearagh Cemetery to-morrow (Tuesday, New Year's Day) at 1 o'clock. Australian papers please copy.

LAVERY—December 29, 1923, in Private Dublin Nursing Home, after brief illness, Mrs. Harriette E. Lavery, of "Dalriada," Howth, relict of the late Patrick Lavery, of Dunville's, Belfast, in the inexpressible grief of her family, fortified by the rites of Holy Church. Funeral (private) to Belfast to-day (Monday), 31st inst.

LONGSTAFF—December 30, 1923, suddenly, at her son-in-law's residence, 95 Villiers rd., Rathgar, Sarah M. Longstaff, 73 Brighton square, widow of the late J. S. Longstaff, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Funeral private.

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1920 20 h.p. Austin Tourer, in good condition, owner driven; seen by appointment; price £250.—D 1739, this office. 28 O

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WANTED, small Four Seater, 1922, 1923, British or French, or Two Seater, with large dickey; moderate price.—D 1721, this office. 26 O

WANTED, 4/5 Seater, good running order; Morris Palin, Maxwell, etc.; state year, lowest price.—D 1850, this office. 29 B

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FORD Lorry Driver Wanted, owner to be well recommended; apply in own handwriting, enclosing copies of testimonials and wages expected.—D 1845, this office.

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FARMER'S Son, T.T., seeks situation as Chauffeur, or work in garage; good references.—D 1831, this office.

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BOOKKEEPER, Accountant required by Manufacturing Firm; must be thoroughly qualified and competent to take charge of office; good opening for first-rate man. Address, giving full particulars, experience, stating salary required, with copies references, "Z 3532, Bookkeeper," this office. 28 C

CLERK required, merchant's office; used to ledger work; accurate; state age, experience, wages expected.—D 1704, this office.

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COMPETENT Housekeeper Wanted at once for business house in the South. Apply, giving full particulars and copies of references, to "Z 3533, Housekeeper," this office. 29 Y

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HANDY Man, Carpenter, required; able to repair carts and drays; constant work to capable man. Apply, stating wages required, to D 1858, this office. 29 B

JUNIOR Shorthand Typist—Accurate young Lady Wanted for City Office. Reply, enclosing copies of references, stating age, experience (if any), and salary expected to-D 1507, this office. 26 A

JOINERS, Plasterers, Bricklayers and Masons (Builder, not Banker hands), urgently required; no travelling or subsistence. Apply Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons, British Empire Exhibition, Wembley Park, Middlesex. X

LADY required, able to give Food Demonstrations in grocers' shops; must be good cook and saleswoman; one who has had previous experience preferred.—D 1660, this office. 27 E

LAUNDRY Yardman—Wanted, energetic, reliable man; give copies of references and security.—D 1742, this office. 28 A

LEADING Insurance Company has vacancy for Junior Clerk; must be competent at Irish, and at least have passed Junior Grade Intermediate Examination. Apply, in own handwriting, D 1617, this office. X

REQUIRED, very experienced Dressmaker for job, country house; loose covers, curtains, and dressmaking; steam state terms.—Mrs. Edward Mackin, Belmont, Mullingar. 28 A

REQUIRED for Factory in County Dublin (few miles from Broadstone Station), Clerk, with knowledge of shorthand and typewriting. Write, stating experience and salary required, also No. in D 715, Irish Times Branch Office, 59 Fleet st., London, E.C. 4. 28 A

REPORTER (Junior) Wanted for provincial weekly; fast, accurate typewriter and good paragraphist; state salary expected. Address "Z 3567, Reporter," this office. 30 D

SEEDSMAN—Wanted next month, an experienced Man for the Agricultural, Vegetable and Flower Seed Trade; state wages expected. Address "Z 3483, Seedsman," this office. 20 X

WANTED by City Firm, first class man, to take charge of Order Collecting Department. Apply, stating age, experience, and salary, D 1653 this office. 27 B

WANTED, young Gentlewoman to look after two small children; a really paying position. The great need of Irish commerce to-day is for trained Salesmen who can go out into the world to Sell Irish Goods. The opportunities in this field for trained salesmen are splendid. A trained man can make a fine income and a big income for himself. The Thomas Russell Course in Scientific Salesmanship trains men in salesmanship, and when trained undertakes to introduce them to paid positions. The Course is a postal one, and may be studied at home. Write to-day for summary of lessons and illustrated prospectus, which gives all information, to The Russell Hart Co., Ltd., 195 Goschen Buildings, Henrietta street, London, W.C.2. X

WANTED, for private dining room in Dublin, a Cook Manageress; strictly sober and honest, and able to carve quickly and economically; state experience and wages expected, and forward copies of references.—D 1621, this office. 27 B

WAITRESS Wanted; enclose copies of References and state wages expected.—Railway Hotel, Kildare. 28 B

YOUNG Lady required for City Hotel Bar; must be capable of taking entire charge and of good appearance; first class reference required. Apply, with copies, to D 1815, this office. 28 C

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

CHEF, experienced in all branches, including Confectionery, seeks re-engagement anytime; disengaged when suited.—D 1605, this office. 26 A

YOUNG Lady, four years' experience first class city hotel bar, desires change. Reply D 1672, this office.

YOUNG Lady, trained, experienced Housekeeper or Lady Cook, wishes post Hotel, School, or otherwise.—D 1717, this office. 28 O

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WE Transact your Money Apply to Rent Readers, 3 Lombard street, Hanbury, E.C. 13 29

WANTED by well known business, £250 to £500; 10 per cent. interest given.—D 1922, this office. 29 D

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POSITIONS VACANT.

BAR Attendant (Indoor) Wanted, with experience, to attend in luncheon buffet. Apply, with reference, 12.30, Dolphin Hotel, Essex street. 28 O

DAY Porter Wanted, immediately. Apply Power's Hotel, Kildare street. 28 A

HEAD Waiter Wanted immediately, good commercial hotel in Kerry; send copies references, age. Address "Z 3518, Waiter," this office. 29 O

HEAD Waiter required immediately, provincial; experience necessary. Apply, with references, Prince Wales Hotel, Athlone. 28 C

HEAD Waiter—Thoroughly experienced Man required for first class Hotel; must be a disciplinarian. Address, with full particulars and enclosing photo, "Z 3535, Waiter," this office. 28 B

STRONG, superior country Girl Required for employment in workingmen's hotel; indoor; £26 per annum; must be well recommended.—M 80, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 28 O

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TRAVELLER Wanted, good country connection with Wholesale and large buyers Confectionery and Grocery; only first class men who can pass Guarantee Society need apply.—D 1735, this office. 28 O

TRAVELLER and Collector Wanted by old established Firm; young, active; only those able to influence business amongst Dublin Licensed Trades need apply; salary and commission; must state age, experience, references (copies).—D 1785, this office. 28 O

TRAVELLERS for South, West, and Midlands of Ireland required on commission, to call on Grocers and General Merchants for the Sale of Irish Manufactured Cattle Medicines; only first class men with experience need apply. Address "Z 3536, Traveller," this office. 30 O

TEA Trade—Agent required by a first class London House for Counties Cork, Kerry, Limerick and Clare; none but those with a good established trade need apply Write "V. H." c/o Streets, 30 Cornhill, London, E.C. 3 29 A

WANTED, Commission Agent, with offices in Dublin, to call on grocers, provision merchants, licensed trade, Furnishers in Free State. Apply Gaskell and Co., Felt Manufacturers and Carpet Factors, Bacup, Lancashire. 21 A

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS.

COSTS Drawer required at once by Dublin Firm of Solicitors; good terms will be offered to a capable man. Reply, with copy testimonials.—D 1775, this office. 28

COMPETENT Assistant required in Dublin office. Apply, stating salary required and experience, D 1849, this office 29 B

ENGROSSING Clerk Wanted for Scrivenery Office; only experienced man need apply, enclosing specimen of work.—D 1760, this office. 28 O

LAW.—Shorthand Typist and Bookkeeper—Wanted for a provincial town in Free State, a really expert Shorthand Writer and Typist, who could keep books or assist thereat. Useless making application unless very expert and speedy shorthand writer and typist and experienced in solicitor's office. Good salary to hard worker and suitable person. Send copies testimonials and state lowest salary. Address "Z 3474, Law," this office. 5 24

LAW—Wanted, a real live expert Managing Clerk for provincial office in Free State; prepared to pay good salary to the right man. Apply, with copies testimonials and stating salary, to "Z 3475, Law," this office. 5 24

WANTED, Solicitor's Manager for provincial town (Leinster); salary £350; advocacy not essential, but law sense none but energetic, first class all round man need apply.—D 1809, this office. 28 A

WANTED for first class Solicitor's Office, efficient Shorthand Writer and Typist.—D 1790, this office. 28 O

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

APPRENTICE (Boy) Wanted for developing City Business; Lad about matriculating; good opportunity; Position Permanent; fee required.—D 1560, this office. 27 B

APPRENTICE Wanted by Pharmaceutical Chemist in Dublin suburb; fee required; outdoor.—D 1734, this office. 28 E

COOKE and Co., Chemist, at present require competent Assistant, first class dispensing and counter work. 28 C

CHEMIST'S Assistant required, April, stating age, experience, etc., to 907, Irish Times Branch Office, Cork. 29 D

EXPERIENCED Invalid Nurse, take Charge; Protestant; excellent references.—D 1834, this office. 29 D

FOR Sale, Skull and Bones.—B 30, Irish Times Branch Office, Dun Laoghaire.

JUNIOR, 41 years' city experience, dispensing, counter, capable taking charge, desires position; city, suburbs; highest references. Address "Z 3498, Junior," this office. 27 B

MESSRS. W. F. Wells and Son, Sackville street, require a Male Apprentice; fee required. 27 B

TRAINED Nurse Wanted immediately, South Wales, Co-op. system. Apply Matron, Bryngwyn, Newport, Mon. 24 Y

TRAINED Nurse would act as Companion to invalid lady or gentleman, in return for nice refined Home, Dublin suburbs.—D 1720, this office. 28 A

WANTED, respectable, middle aged Woman as Nurse Attendant to elderly lady; quiet home, suburbs Belfast; maid kept. Apply Box No. 1213, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast. 27 B

WANTED for a Pharmaceutical Medical Hall a Junior Assistant (outdoor); state salary. Address "Z 3555, Medical," this office. 29 D

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ALL Professional and University Prelims., Ord. and Correspondence. Success list free.—McGUIRE'S COLLEGE, Sackville street, Dublin. X

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ENGLISH School offers Vacancy at reduced fee to Pupil entering this term. Address "Z 3527, School," this office. 28 A

ENTRANCE, Term, Degree Examinations, Trinity College; numerous successes.—Henry French, M.A., 5 Dartmouth square. 30 C

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LADY recommends young Governess; usual subjects; disengaged January. Address "Z 3486, Governess," this office. 24 A

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SECRETARIAL Training, 15 Kildare street. Individual attention; Morning Classes daily; Afternoon and Evening Classes three times a week; terms very moderate. Classes Resume 7th Jan., 1923. 27 X

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AGENT FOR GOVERNESSES AND SCHOOLS.—Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton street, Dublin. Misses Parents and Managers. Tel. No. 5258. T

GARDENER Wanted, experienced; willing to keep motor car clean and generally useful; state wages and send copies discharges; Blackrock.—D 1792, this office. 28 B

LADY requires Conversational Lessons in Spanish.—D 1790, this office 28 A

NURSERY Governess Wanted daily from 10.30; good needlewoman, teach first piano, assist school lessons. E.O. 956, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

TEACHER required in Bray to assist 3 children with lessons and music five nights weekly from 6 to 8; state terms.—D 1818, this office. 29 D

WANTED, Girl for Surgeon's Profess.; evenings.—D 1730, this office.

WANTED, experienced Young Governess, Protestant; two girls 10 and 7; mile from town; seat to Sarsfields, state salary.—Robinson, Mount Hyde, Castleknock.

WANTED, competent Teacher to grind pupil every evening for University Matriculation. Reply, stating terms, to D 1870, this office.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

CLERGYMAN'S Daughter seeks post with Lady or Elderly Couple; knowledge of housework, plain cooking.—G 60, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown.

CONFECTIONER, as first or single; up to date methods, artistic piper; A1 references.—D 1629, this office

DRESSMAKER, experienced, wants work, Ladies' houses, evening dress, children's.—D 1801, this office. 28 O

DISBANDED Band Conductor, R.I.C., 42, full octave cornet, T.C., double euphonium, Clerk, Timekeeper, or any position of trust. Highest references. Address "Z 3567, Clerk," this office.

EX-NAVAL Man, understands marine engines, boilers, fitting, motor, 40 years' experience, any other work, T.T. Irish Free State.—Box 1, Kilmacud, Stillorgan. 27 B

EXPERIENCED Shorthand Typist and Clerk seeks position; highest references; moderate salary.—D 1740, this office. 28 O

EX-R.I.C. Man requires situation as Storekeeper, Caretaker, Guide, Clerk; or any position of trust.—D 1818, this office.

FOREMAN.—Engineer, with very extensive experience of all branches, including electrical, mechanical as applied to works, factories, docks, motor works, docks post; fullest information given.—D 1867, this office. 30 D

GOOD Cook wishes Housekeeper's Position, or cook place of trust; moderate salary; city or suburbs.—D 1603, this office. 27 B

WOMAN AND HER HOME.

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

Uses of Salt.

A pinch of salt added to the whites of egg or cream which requires whipping will hasten stiffening.

Cooking utensils which have been used for onions can be cleaned by rubbing with salt.

Sprinkled at the bottom of the oven, or on the shelf under the cake tin, salt will prevent the cakes from burning.

When anything has been spilt on the stove, a handful of salt will remove any unpleasant odour.

A paste made of salt, alum and boiling water can be used to fill up cracks in floors or furniture.

If a new toothbrush is soaked in hot salt water before being used it will last twice as long.

Salt is an excellent gargle.

If salt is added to the outer pan of a double boiler greater heat is produced, as brine boils at a temperature 14° higher than water.

Eggs packed in salt will keep for a long time.

French or scarlet runner beans can be kept in salt for winter use.

Salt added to the rinsing water will set the colour in coloured fabrics.

Dry salt is an excellent dry cleaning medium.

A bag of hot salt makes an excellent foot warmer or poultice.

Lemon.

A piece of lemon peel boiled with tea cloths and towels will bleach them most effectively.

Lemon and salt will remove fresh ink stains from any material.

Lemon juice, as an ingredient of salad dressing, is both more healthy and more delicate in flavour than vinegar.

Half a lemon dipped in salt and rubbed on a shilblain is a quick cure. The same remedy is effectual for sore feet.

If a sour sponge is rubbed well with a fresh lemon, and afterwards well rinsed in warm water, it will become sweet.

Lemon juice will allay the irritation of gnat bites.

Half a teaspoonful of lemon juice in a glassful of hot water makes an excellent tooth wash.

Lemon will remove stains from the hands and whiten the skin.

Quarter of a lemon in which four cloves have been inserted will give an excellent flavour to soup.

Lemon juice and whiting will remove stains from brass.

Paraffin.

A cloth damped with paraffin, rolled up tightly and left for 24 hours, can then be used—

To clean doors, casings, chins, furniture, bedsteads, etc.;

Linoleums, painted floors, stairs and banisters;

To clean windows and mirrors;

To clean grates and gas stoves.

It is excellent for removing grease from the stove, and, if used regularly, grate polish will only be necessary very occasionally.

The paraffin cloth absorbs all dust, leaving no streaky marks, and is thus a great aid to housework.

Modern cooking and heating paraffin stoves are most efficient, and have no unpleasant odour.

A wad of cotton wool soaked in paraffin and placed inside the case of a grandfather clock will effectually clean it. The dust collects on the pad of wool, which can be removed after a few days.

Newspaper.

As a fire lighter it is most efficient, if rolled and twisted.

A pad of newspaper cut to uniform size should be kept near the sink, and a piece torn off to wipe knives and silver and clean plates before they are put into the washing-up water.

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"Gout-ban" Tweed.—This well-known Tweed in a variety of shades. All Wool. 54 inches wide. Usual Price, 8/11 per yard. Sale Price, to clear 5/11

Saxony Suiting in new range of designs and colours, 54 inches wide. Sale Price, per yard 5/11

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Crepe Miramar.—Art Silk and Wool, in a fine range of colours. Last Season's Price, 10/6 per yard. Sale Price 8/11

Wool-back Satins—Heavy quality Wool-back Satin, firm weave, soft, bright finish; for Frocks, Dressing Jackets, Pyjamas, Blouses, etc. In a full range of shades. 38 ins. wide. Sale Price, per yd. 6/11

Chiffon Velvet—A remarkable offer of a good quality; an ideal fabric for smart Gowns, Wraps, etc. In a range of colours. 38/39 ins. wide. Usual Price, 14/11 per yard. Sale price 12/6

A wonderful offer of **Men's All-Wool Underwear**, guaranteed unshrinkable. Pants and Vests, small, medium and large sizes. Clearing Sale Price, each garment... 7/6

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Handsome **Fur Stoles** made of the best quality Skunk, worked in strand styles, lined Silk. Originally 8 Gns. Sale Price from 5 GNS.

Exceptional Sale Bargains—50 Fox animal shapes, lined Silk. Clearing Price ..... 4 GNS.

A few odd samples of Ladies' Over-Blouses at half-price, in bread stripes, including Saxe/White, Navy/White, Rose/White. Usual Prices, from 25/6 to 33/6 each. Sale Price, each 15/11

Special lot of **Odd Corsets**, good shape, long-waisted, low in bust, fitted Front and Side Suspenders. Sizes, 22 to 28. Usual Price, 7/6 to 12/6 per pair. Sale Price, per pair 3/11

Ladies' Fine Wool Vests, Shetland stitch, fancy top with ribbon strap. Usual Price, 6/6 each. Sale Price, each..... 4/11

Special offer of Coloured **Alhambra Quilts**, plain hemmed, good strong wearing quality. Fast colours for washing. In Gold, Olive, Pink, Sky, and Red. For double beds. Usual Price, 8/11 each. Sale Price, each 5/11

Special purchase of Plain Coloured **Ripple Cloth** for Dressing Gowns and Jackets. In Saxe, Pink, Rose, Grey, Cardinal and Sky, 42 inches wide. Usual Price, 2/11 per yd. Sale Price, per yd. 1/11

500 Yards **Ivory Flannelette**, beautiful soft fleecy quality, and splendid for washing. 36 inches wide. Usual Price, 1/3 per yd. Sale Price, per yd..... 10½D.

800 Yards **White Madapollam**, made from very finest Egyptian Cotton. 40 inches wide. Usual Price, 1/3 per yd. Sale Price, per yd. ..... 10½D.

Special Sale Offer of **Ladies' Pure Silk Stockings**, reinforced Lisle Feet and Suspender Tops; also super quality Artificial Silk and Plaited Silk and Cotton Stockings. Regular Value, 6/11 per pair. Clearing Sale Price, per pair 3/11

Ladies' Real Balbriggan Heavy Artificial Silk Stockings, new, perfect goods, in plain and also ribbed effect, in Black, White, Nigger, Brown, Tan, Navy, Covert, Putty, Grey, and Mole. Sale Price, per pair..... 4/11

Small clearing line of Ladies' Rich Artificial Silk Stockings, in Black and a few colours. Sale Price, per pair..... 2/-

Ladies' Black Glace Shoes, 2 and 3 bars, high heels. Sizes, 2 to 7. Usual Price, 21/- per pair. Sale Price, per pair 14/11

Ladies' good quality Grey Cloth Gaiters, sizes 5 to 7, 10 buttons. Usual Price, 7/11 per pair. Sale Price, per pair.. 2/11

Oddments in Ladies' Evening Shoes, various styles. All One Price, Per pair 8/11

5,000 Yards of **Glace Ribbon**, 5½ inches wide, in Navy, Rose, Pale Blue, Saxe, Pink, Green, and Nigger. Suitable for Hair Ribbon, etc. Usual Price, 1/3 per yd. Sale Price, per yd. ..... 10½D.

2,000 Yards best **quality heavy Satin Ribbon**, 8 inches wide, in Green, Apricot, Old Gold, Brown, Copper, Navy, Nile, and many other beautiful shades. Usual Price, 2/11 per yd. Sale Price, per yd..... 2/6

Ladies' 2-Button and 2-Dome Real Nappa Gloves. Sale Price, per pair.... 3/11

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Intending purchasers should call early to secure the best bargains.

Carriage paid on all purchases except Furniture.

HICKEY & CO., LTD.,

For Agricultural Seed Firm. Preference given to those already representing manufacturers of feeding stuffs or fertilisers. Liberal terms to men of good connection and first class ability.

Only applications from men attending fairs and with established connection amongst farmers will be considered. Address "E 3057, Agents," this office. 23 4

AGENT Wanted to Sell Typewriter Ribbons, on commission.—Booth Brothers, Ltd., Upper Stephen street, Dublin. 30 C

REPRESENTATIVE required, Gentleman or Lady, to call on small shops in Dublin to sell tea; good prospects to suitable applicant.—D 1862, this office.

TRAVELLER Wanted, good country connection with Wholesale and large buyers Confectionery and Grocery; only first class men who can pass Guarantee Society need apply.—D 1736, this office. 28 A

TRAVELLER and Collector Wanted by old established Firm; young, active; only those able to influence business amongst Dublin Licensed Traders need apply; salary and commission; must state age, experience, references (copies).—D 1785, this office. 28 C

TRAVELLERS for South, West, and Midlands of Ireland required on commission, to call on Grocers and General Merchants for the Sale of Irish Manufactured Cattle Medicines; only first class men with experience need apply. Address "E 3508, Traveller," this office. 30 C

TEA Trade—Agent required by a first class London House for Counties Cork, Kerry, Limerick and Clare; none but those having a good established trade need apply. Write "V. H.," c/o Streets, 30 Cornhill, London, E.C. 3 29 X

WANTED, Commission Agent, with office in Dublin, and good soft goods connection with leading House Furnishers in Free State. Apply Gaskell and Co., Felt Manufacturers and Carpet Factors, Bacup, Lancashire. 21 A

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS.

COSTS Drawer required at once by Dublin Firm of Solicitors; good terms will be offered to a capable man. Reply, with copy testimonials.—D 1775, this office. 28 A

COMPETENT Assistant required in Dublin office. Apply, stating salary required and experience, D 1849, this office 29 D

ENGROSSING Clerk Wanted for Scrivenery Office; only experienced man need apply, enclosing specimen of work.—D 1760, this office. 28 C

LAW.—Shorthand Typist and Bookkeeper—Wanted for a provincial town in Free State, a really expert Shorthand Writer and Typist, who could keep books or assist thereat. Useless making application unless very expert and speedy shorthand writer and typist and experienced in solicitor's office. Good salary to hard worker and suitable person. Send copies testimonials and state lowest salary. Address "Z 3474, Law," this office. 6 24

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WANTED, Solicitor's Manager for provincial town (Leinster); salary £350; advocacy not essential, but law some none but energetic, first class all round man need apply.—D 1809, this office. 28 A

WANTED for first class Solicitor's Office, efficient Shorthand Writer and Typist.—D 1796, this office. 28 C

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

APPRENTICE (Boy) Wanted for developing City Business; first class training under gold medallist; Prelim. passed essential; fee required.—D 1604, this office. 27 B

APPRENTICE Wanted by Pharmaceutical Chemist in Dublin suburb; fee required; outdoor.—D 1733, this office. 28 E

COOKE and Co., Clonmel, at present require competent Assistant, first class dispensing and counter work. 28 C

CHEMIST'S Assistant required. Apply, stating age, experience, etc., to 307, Irish Times Branch Office, Cork. 29 D

EXPERIENCED Invalid Nurse, take Charge; Protestant; excellent references.—D 1834, this office. 29 D

FOR Sale, Skull and Bones.—B 30, Irish Times Branch Office, Dun Laoghaire.

JUNIOR, 4½ years' city experience, dispensing, counter, capable taking charge, desires position, city, suburbs; highest references. Address "Z 3498, Junior," this office. 27 B

MESSRS. W. F. Wells and Son, Sackville street, require a smart Apprentice; fee. 27 B

TRAINED Nurses Wanted immediately, South Wales, Co-op. system. Apply Matron, Bryngwyn, Newport, Mon. 24 7

TRAINED Nurse would act as Companion to invalid lady or gentleman in return for nice refined Home, Dublin suburbs.—D 1720, this office. 28 A

WANTED, respectable, middle aged Woman as Nurse Attendant to elderly lady; quiet home, suburbs Belfast; maid kept. Apply Box No. 1218, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast. 27 B

WANTED for a Pharmaceutical Medical Hall, a Junior Assistant (outdoor); state salary. Address "Z 3565, Medical," this office. 29 D

TUITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

ALL Professional and University Prelims., Oral and Correspondence. Success list free.—McGUIRK'S COLLEGE, Sackville street, Dublin.

EXPERIENCED Governess or Companion, entire charge; usual subjects, French, drill, etc.; up to date; understands housekeeping, servants, cooking; best testimonials; I.C.; now in England. Address "Z 3467, Governess," this office 21 C

ENGLISH School offers Vacancy (reduced fee to pupil) entering this term. Address "Z 3527, School," this office. 26 A

ENTRANCE, Term, Degree Examinations, Trinity College; numerous successes.—Henry French, M.A., 5 Dartmouth square. 30 C

EXPERIENCED Governess, willing to take small salary; time to study; excellent testimonials. Address "Z 3540, Governess," this office.

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LADY recommends young Governess; usual subjects; disengaged January. Address "Z 3486, Governess," this office. 24 A

NURSERY Governess (Catholic), usual subjects, Kindergarten, needlework. Address "Z 3497, Governess," this office. 27 B

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In Memoriam.

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Missing thy voice, thy touch, and the true helping Of thy pure hand.
Till through the storm and tempest safely anchored
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TURNER—Lost on H.M.S. Aragon, torpedoed in the Eastern Mediterranean, December 30, 1917, Corporal Ian Norman, R.I. Regiment, the dearly-loved youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tyrie Turner, Carrick-on-Suir, aged 19 years and 2 months.
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But gone to his Father's Home above.

BIRTHS.

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MARRIAGES.

M'CAMMOND and STRAFFORD—December 24, 1923, quietly, at Windsor Presbyterian Church, Belfast, by the Rev. J. Irwin, M.A., D.D., assisted by the Rev. J. Pyper, B.A., Arthur N. M'Cammond, son of the late Colonel W. E. C. M'Cammond, to Muriel, only daughter of the late Alec. Strafford, Edinburgh.

McCLURE and DOUGHERTY—December 19, 1923, at Donoughmore Parish Church, Co. Wicklow, by the Rev. D. J. O'Connor, B.A., Edward, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McClure, Gracehill, Co. Antrim, to Lily, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dougherty, Coolmoney, Co. Wicklow.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

BREEN—December 30, 1923, at her residence, Knocknack, Nora, wife of Michael Roche Breen. R.I.P. Funeral private.

BRETT—December 27, 1923, after a long illness, at 20 Elgin rd., Dublin, Linda Kearns, dearly-loved wife of Charles Tindal Brett. Resting "Until the day break and the shadows flee away." Funeral (private) to Mount Jerome. No flowers.

BURNS—December 29, 1923, at Northampton, Elizabeth H., widow of John William Burns, late of Clarleville rd., N.C.R., Dublin. Funeral to Mount Jerome. Arrangements later.

CHAPMAN—December 27, 1923, at 3 Castlewood Park, Rathmines, Emma Elizabeth, wife of James Chapman.

CLARKE—December 29, 1923, at her residence, Knockoulart, Shankill, Mary, widow of the late Eugene Clarke, Hibernian Bank, Bray. Funeral private. No flowers.

COATES—December 24, 1923, at Rathmore, Dunmurry, Co. Antrim, Margaret Airth, widow of the late Victor Coates, D.L.

COSTELLO—December 29, 1923, at 29 Church st., Sligo, William Francis Costello (Gilby), aged 72 years. Funeral to Drumcliffe to-day (Monday).

DURNO—December 28, 1923, at Southend-on-Sea, Alexander Leith, younger surviving son of the late Alexander Leith Durno, of Cushieston, Aberdeenshire, and the late Mrs. Durno, of Glenealy, Co. Wicklow.

FINLAY—December 26, 1923, at his residence in Jersey, Lieutenant-Colonel William Finlay, R.A.M.C. (retired), aged 77, son of the late George W. Finlay, J.P., Co. Dublin.

GIBSON—December 27, 1923, at Lisball House, Ballsborough, Thomas Gibson, aged 83. Funeral took place on Saturday to Corglass, 1 o'clock.

GLADSTONE—December 28, 1923, at Simpson's Hospital, Charles J. Gladstone, 11 St. Patrick's rd., Drumcondra, in his 84th year. Funeral private.

KENNEDY—December 26, 1923, at her residence, The Retreat, Lisdeen, Co. Clare, Irene Ivy, third daughter of George J. and the late Blanche Kennedy, and grand-daughter of the late Francis Cane, C.E., J.P., to the inexpressible grief of her heartbroken father, sisters, and brothers, and of a large circle of friends in the I.H.A., Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on her soul. R.I.P. Funeral to Kilfearagh Cemetery to-morrow (Tuesday, New Year's Day) at 1 o'clock. Australian papers please copy.

LAVERY—December 29, 1923, in Private Dublin Nursing Home, after brief illness, Mrs. Harriette E. Lavery, of "Dalriada." Howth, relict of the late Patrick Lavery, of Dunville's, Belfast, to the inexpressible grief of her family, fortified by the rites of Holy Church. Funeral (private) to Belfast to-day (Monday), 31st inst.

LONGSTAFF—December 30, 1923, suddenly, at her son-in-law's residence, 26 Villiers rd., Rathgar, Sarah M. Longstaff, 73 Brighton square, widow of the late J. A. Longstaff, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Funeral private

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DEATHS.

NEWPORT—December 30, 1923, at Ballinakill House, Waterford, after a brief illness, Robert Newport, late of Reading Pool, third son of the late Robert Newport, Dunkpit, Waterford. Funeral Service at Ballinakill Church at 2 o'clock to-morrow (Tuesday). Interment immediately after.

SHORT—December 29, 1923, Mary Christina, beloved wife of P. M. Short, 72 Leinster rd., Rathmines. Funeral (private) to Glasnevin this (Monday) morning.

SHEVD—December 28, 1923, at his residence, Mount Gamble, Swords, Robert Hardcastle Smyrl, aged 90. Funeral to Swords Churchyard, 2.30 p.m., to-day (Monday), 31st December. No flowers, by request.

WALLACE—December 28, 1923, Emily E. Wallace, late of 26 Charleston rd., Ranelagh. Funeral arrives at Mount Jerome 11 a.m. to-day (Monday).

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Misses Burke return grateful thanks for kind sympathy, and trust this will be accepted as acknowledgment.

Mrs. Jennings and family return sincere thanks to the many kind friends who sent letters and messages of sympathy to them in their recent sorrow, and regret they are unable to reply to each individually.

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"A1" 1924 Models. Come and see our large stock of Sunbeams, New Imperials, Diamonds, P. and M. Rudge, and Rovers. Accessories in great variety.—Wayte Bros., Ltd., Lemon street, off Grafton street. T

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ELECTION OF MALE LUNATIC ATTENDANT (Non-Pensionable).

Date of election, 9th January, 1924. Salary £110 a year, rising by £3 annually to £155, with £30 a year as officer-in-charge, also uniform. Qualifications: Certificate of training in Mental Nursing will be required. Applications, with copies of certificates and testimonials, to be lodged with me here not later than 1 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 7th January, 1924.

By Order,
JOHN P. CONDON,
Clerk's Office, 1 James's street, Dublin, Clerk of the Union.
December, 1923.

BALLINASLOE MENTAL HOSPITAL
COOK WANTED

The Committee of Management of above Institution will sit to select, to be held on MONDAY, the 14th day of JANUARY, 1924, appoint a fully qualified COOK, age 21 to 36 years, for New Hospital Kitchen, at a salary of £50 per annum, indoor.

Applications, on the following documents must accompany each application, or they will not be considered:—Proof of qualification; certificate of age; testimonials (if any).

Applications, marked "Cook," addressed to the Resident Medical Superintendent, will be received not later than one o'clock p.m. on Saturday, 12th January, 1924.

By Order of the Committee,
JOHN MILLS,
Resident Medical Superintendent.
10th December, 1923.

DISPATCH CLERK WANTED. Capable, reliable Man, with the right experience, will be well paid. All particulars, including also of goods handled to D 1774, this office. 29 B

DRESSMAKER.
BETTY LYONS & CO., LIMITED, SLIGO, require reliable DRESSMAKER to take charge; must be smart cutter and fitter, and accustomed to good class trade. State experience (fullest particulars), salary (outdoor), and when disengaged.

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BOOKKEEPER, Accountant required by Manufacturing Firm; must be thoroughly qualified and competent to take charge of office; good opening for first-rate man. Address, giving full particulars, experience, stating salary required, with copies references, "Z 3458, Bookkeeper," this office. 28 C

CLERK required, merchant's office; used to ledger work; accurate; state age, experience, wages expected.—D 1704, this office. 28 A

CORSETS—Wanted, a capable Saleswoman; must be experienced in the corset department; state full experience, reference and salary (live in) first letter.—J. L. Pilsworth, 53 to 56 Parsons street, Banbury, Oxon. 29 B

CANADA—Wanted, any number of Farm Hands, Domestic Servants; pay own fare; situations guaranteed.—Mrs. Glass's Agency, Belfast.

COMPETENT Housekeeper Wanted at once for business house in the South. Apply, giving full particulars and copies of references, to "Z 3533, Housekeeper," this office. 29 F

DEMOBILISED Soldiers and Beginners—Your living guaranteed. Start your own Drapery Business; little capital required. Write for catalogue and advice.—B. Lavaine, Dept. C., 143 Houndsditch, London, E. 1. X

ESTATE Agents Office (Dublin) requires Clerk, accustomed to Rents and able to deal with relative correspondence. Apply by letter only, with copies references, stating age, experience and salary, etc., to John Mackie and Co., Chartered Accountants, 39 Nassau st. D 29 C

EXPERIENCED Bookkeeper required by Cork City Firm; must be able to prepare books for audit, take out trial balance, and have highest references as to ability and character. Apply, enclosing copies of testimonials and stating salary required, to "Z 3539, Bookkeeper," this office. 29 C

HANDY Man, Carpenter, required; able to repair carts and drays; constant work to capable man. Apply, stating wages required, to D 1858, this office. 29 B

JUNIOR Shorthand Typist—Accurate young Lady Wanted for City Office. Reply, enclosing copies of references, stating age, experience (if any), and salary expected, to D 1607, this office. 28 A

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LADY required, able to give Food Demonstrations in Leading grocery shops; must be good cook and saleswoman; one who has had previous experience preferred.—D 1560, this office. 27 B

LAUNDRY Yardman—Wanted, energetic, reliable man; state copies of references and security.—D 1744, this office. 29 A

LEADING Insurance Company has vacancy for Junior Clerk; must be competent at Irish, and at least have passed Junior Grade Intermediate Examination. Apply, in own handwriting, D 1617, this office. 28 A

REQUIRED, very experienced Dressmaker for job, country house; loose covers, curtains, and dressmaking; please state terms.—Mrs. Edward Hamilton, Belmont, Mullingar. 28 C

REQUIRED for Factory in County Dublin (few miles from Broadstone Station), Clerk, with knowledge of shorthand and typewriting. Write, stating experience and salary required, Box No. B 716, Irish Times Branch Office, 29 Fleet st., London, E.C. 4. 28 A

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SCREDEMAN—Wanted next month, as representative for the Agricultural, Vegetable and Flower Seed Trade. Write stating experience and salary expected. Address "Z 3483, Seedsman," this office. 29 C

WANTED by City Firm, first class man, to take charge of Order Tailoring Department. Apply, stating age, experience and salary, D 1652, this office. 27 B

WANTED, young Gentlewoman to look after two small children; experience not essential.—Mrs. Warren Woodcock, 1 Richmond place, Dundrum. T

WANTED for Wholesale Wine Merchants' Secret, Junior Delivery Clerk, to deal with despatch and receipt of goods; state age, experience (if any), and wages expected.—D 1675, this office. 28 C

WANTED for permanent term, experienced Lady, R.C. (indoor), to take charge of Sweet and Confectionery Counter; must have first class reference and good address; state salary, etc., "Z 3506, Lady," this office. 27 B

WANTED, an expert Shorthand Writer and Typist; salary £3 10/- per week.—D 1772, this office. 28 C

WANTED, experienced Lady Bookkeeper; knowledge of shorthand typewriting essential; copy reference highly expected.—D 1654, this office. 28 C

WANTED, good active Man, about 30 years, for Grocery Shop; must be used to serve; state age, experience and wages expected.—D 1812, this office. 29 B

WANTED for country town in the South, reliable Man as Bank Porter; state age and send copies of testimonials; apply Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons, British Empire Exhibition, Wembley Park, Middlesex. X

WANTED, Lady Typist, with knowledge of Typewriting and Shorthand; state salary required; no travelling or subsistence. Apply Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons, British Empire Exhibition, Wembley Park, Middlesex. X

WANTED, Lounge Waiter; one having college. Apply Basin, 12 Harbour Court, Eden quay.

WANTED, Lady to learn Gramophone Trade, with knowledge of typewriting; state salary required.—D 1657, this office. 27 A

YOUNG Lady Apprentice Wanted. Apply Lennon Stores, 15 Upper Lousch street. 30 B

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WE Trust your Money. Apply to Emil Heitzer, 3 Lombardwar, Hamburg, 36. 13 26

WANTED by well known business, £250 to £500; 10 per cent. interest given.—D 1826, this office. 29 D

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BAR Attendant (indoor) Wanted, with experience, to attend in luncheon buffet. Apply, with reference, 12.30, Dolphin Hotel, Essex street. 28 A

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HEAD Waiter required immediately, provincial experience necessary. Apply, with references, Prince's Wales Hotel, Athlone. 29 A

HEAD Waiter—Thoroughly experienced Man required for first class Hotel; must be a disciplinarian. Address, with full particulars and enclosing copies, "Z 3 25, Waiter," this office. 28 B

STRONG, superior country Girl Required for employment in workingman's hotel; indoor; £26 per annum; must be well recommended.—M 50, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 28 C

WANTED, for a private dining room in Dublin, a Cook Manageress; must be strictly sober and honest, and able to carry quickly and economically; state experience and wages expected, and forward copies of references.—D 1633, this office. 27 B

WAITRESS Wanted; enclose copies of references and state wages expected.—Railway Hotel, Kildare. 28 B

YOUNG Lady required for City Hotel Bar; must be capable of taking entire charge and of good appearance; first class reference required. Apply, with copies, to D 1815, this office. 28 C

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COSTS Drawer required at once by Dublin Firm of Solicitors; good terms will be offered to a capable man. Apply, with copy testimonials.—D 1727, this office. 28 C

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LAW.—Shorthand Typist and Bookkeeper Wanted for a provincial town in Free State, a really expert Shorthand Writer and Typist, who could keep books or assist thereat. Useless making application unless very expert and speedy shorthand writer and typist and experienced in solicitor's office. Good salary to hard worker and suitable person. Send copies testimonials and state lowest salary. Address "Z 3474, Law," this office. 6 24

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WANTED, Solicitor's Manager for provincial town (Leinster); salary £350; advocacy not essential, but bar sume none but energetic, first class all round man need apply.—D 1809, this office. 28

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MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

APPRENTICE (Boy) Wanted for Developing City Business; first class training under post qualified; Prelim. passed essential; fee required.—D 1805, this office. 27 B

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GARDENER Wanted, experienced; willing to keep motor car clean and generally useful; state wages and send copies discharges; Blackrock.—D 1792, this office. 28 B

LADY requires Conversational Lessons in Spanish.—D 1790, this office 28 A

NURSERY Governess Wanted daily from 10.30; good needlewoman, teach first piano, assist school lessons. B 0 956, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

TEACHER required in Bray to assist 3 children with lessons and music five nights weekly from 6 to 8; state terms.—D 1818, this office. 29 D

WANTED, Grind for Surgeons' Prelim.; evenings.—D 1730, this office. 28 A

WANTED, experienced young Governess, Protestant; to take two girls, 10 and 7, plain, town; good reference, state salary.—Robinson, Mount Hyrla, Castleknock. 28 A

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CLERGYMAN'S Daughter seeks post with Lady of Elderly Couple; knowledge of housework, plain cooking.—O 60, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown.

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Half a teaspoonful of lemon juice in a glassful of hot water makes an excellent tooth wash.

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As a fire lighter it is most efficient, if rolled and twisted.

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Newspaper is an excellent protection and covering for the table, etc., when dirty work is taking place.

There is no better agent for polishing windows and mirrors than a pad of newspaper—the printers' ink possessing special polishing qualities.

M. G.

THE LURE OF SALES.

"CHEER up! Think of all the money you save on the things you can't afford to buy." The dawn of a new year is with us again, and once more the January sales lure us on to temptations.

Over are the rush and bustle of the Christmas season—the frenzied despatch of many parcels, the scrambles for the privilege of standing in over-crowded trams, the weary homeward journeys, overladen with parcels, when we vowed we never wished to enter shops again.

But the joy of the joyous festival and the restful days which follow it have revived our over-taxed energies, and once again we are ready to listen to the "clear call that may not be denied."

So, with the extra wealth of Christmas boxes burning holes in our pockets, we launch forth fearlessly into unknown seas, where the dangers of sales are forgotten, and where bargain-seekers need all possible skill if they would steer clear of the rocks of misconception which lie hidden in unexpected places.

Even in the billowy seas of soft laces and ribbons there are dangers for the unwary. The attractive little bundles containing remnants of five yards for 1s. 8d. look a very real bargain until calculation proves that 4d. a yard is the usual price of the ribbon. True, rapid calculations may present some difficulty to the unmathematical minds, yet there are many simple devices to aid the purchaser.

It is worth remembering that when a dozen articles cost a certain number of shillings, one article will cost exactly the same number of pence. Thus the lace which costs 6s. for a dozen yards will work out at 6d. for one yard, or the ribbon marked 4s. 6d., or four and a half shillings, a dozen yards may be bought for 4½d., or four and a half pence, a yard.

In the selection of blouses or dress lengths an equal amount of care is needed. A remnant may look peculiarly attractive in colour, quality, and price, yet if it is a quarter of a yard less than the minimum quantity needed for a blouse or dress it is deliberate waste of money to buy it.

Unfortunately for themselves, but, perhaps, fortunately for the good of trade, there are a certain number of people whose one idea of bargains is to be found in purchasing cheap articles, altogether regardless of their utility; for such, sales offer every disastrous facility.

Yet for those who know exactly what they want, and who shut their eyes to unnecessary purchases, there are always genuine bargains to be found. In the glove department, in the mantle department, in the fur shop and the boot shop, there are nearly always very real finds, especially for those individuals who are fortunate enough to need either small or "out" sizes.

Two words of warning may prove useful. The successful bargain-seeker must shop in time, before the best of the goods are picked over, and also she must be sure of the reliability of sale prices.

The writer has known a golf skirt in a certain shop to increase in price by half a crown in honour of a sale. In view of such discrepancies it is well for the bargain-seeker to be very wide awake.

A. R. F.

USES OF RUBBER.

RUBBER as a domestic agent has greatly increased the number of its uses recently, and a large number of very useful rubber articles are now obtainable.

Most practical and economical is the rubber apron with a gingham surface for use in the kitchen and house. This apron can be quickly cleansed, however soiled, with a wet sponge or cloth, and thus saves the expense of laundering. Rubber-gingham tablecloths can also be obtained for kitchen use, and these have the same advantages. The latest hot water bottle consists of a detachable rubber bag, into which is slipped an inner bag containing a chemical which generates heat when cold water is added to it. Such a hot bottle holds the heat for forty-eight hours and is of great utility for invalids or travellers.

For sink work four rubber devices are obtainable—(a) a rubber mop, which has many advantages over the usual cotton one; (b) a triangular rubber plate scraper, which quickly removes pieces from plates and dishes before they are washed; (c) a small rubber mat for placing in sink or washing-up bowl as a safeguard against knocks and breakages; (d) a sink cleanser, with a rubber edge, which cleans the corners and edges of the sink, so often ungetatable with the ordinary brush.

Rubber mats of larger size can be obtained for use in the bath as a preventative measure against an unwary slip. Rubber soap savers, consisting of a small ring of rubber with a studded surface, will be welcome for bathroom and bedroom use; the cake of soap stands on the rubber and the water drains away.

A double-purpose device is the rubber force cup, which, intended originally as a means of unstopping a blocked sink pipe by suction, is equally valuable as a clothes washing appliance. The rubber cup has strong suction power, and is easier to keep clean and lighter to use than the metal suction cups sold for the purpose of washing clothes.

One of the most successful rubber household devices is the anti-splash guard, which, when attached to the mouth of a tap, ensures the even issue of the water. This simple but most effective device has been adopted in thousands of homes.

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LADY seeks post as Companion. Help; daily; recommended.—D 1827, this office. 28 C

PENSIONER (Old Army) seeks Caretaking, Clean Offices, Night Watchman, etc.; married, no incumbrances; highest references.—D 1616, this office. 27 B

QUALIFIED Shorthand Typist and Comptometer Operator, with experience, seeks position in city or suburbs; good references. Apply D 1710, this office. 28 D

RESPECTABLE Girl wishes to learn Office Business; city; small wages; well recommended.—B 0 959, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 30 C

RESPECTABLE, active Widow would like post as Housekeeper where not more than three ladies; Dublin family; clergyman's reference. Address "Z 3546, Housekeeper," this office

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TOOLMAKER, with thorough knowledge of machine shop work of every description, seeks employment.—D 1803, this office. 29 D

WAREHOUSEMEN require situation early January; have had a good all round week; Dublin or Kingstown preferred. Address "Z 3559, Watchmaker," this office. 30 B

YOUNG Man, R.C., wishes to hear of vacancy for Bookkeeper or General Clerical Work; highest references as to character and ability.—D 1821, this office. 29 D

£5 OFFERED across Ending Employment for trustworthy young married man; exemplary references.—D 1586, this office. 27 B

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WANTED, Yard and General Man; state wages expected, with house, rail, relations, firing, and good recent reference — O'Kelly, Landscape, Dalkey. 29 D

WANTED, General Man; must ride; send copy of testimonials and state wages.—White, Lisconisky, Nenagh. 29 D

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS WANTED.

GARDENER Wanted; must have a thorough knowledge of flowers and decorative plants; single man to live in preferred. Apply between 1 and 3 p.m. to the Steward Mote, Harcourt st., Dublin. 27 A

GARDENER Wanted experienced; willing to keep motor car clean and generally useful; state wages and send copies discharges.—D 1792, this office. 28 A

MIDDLEAGED, single-handed Gardener Wanted, next week; must be a good worker, and understand fruit, flowers, vegetables; willing worker or Deaniver employed as Cook General; separate wages; separate room; bike, milk, wood firing; must have a comfortable Home when Servants are out. Apply "H 2437, Gardener," this office. 24 C

MALE SERVANTS CONTINUED.

WANTED Man, Working Steward, wife caretaker, for country residence; Protestants preferred.—B92, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge. 27 B

MALE STEWARDS DISENGAGED.

GENERAL Man, married, seeks situation; understands gardening

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GENERAL Worker; one in family.—Apply 17 Pembroke Cottages.

SUPERIOR General Servant Wanted for family three; good cook.—8 Villiers road, Rathmines.

SUPERIOR General, 27, Cook General, Wanted; must be thoroughly trustworthy; good wages; good second girl kept.—Apply, Metcalfe, 5, Ashfield Drive, road, Rathmines.

WANTED, young Cadoxed for Killiney; to train this month; good wages and outings.—D 1850, this office. 27 A

WANTED, good General for country houses; one in train district out.—Mrs. Tyrrell, Hacketstown, Shankhill, Co. Dublin. 27 B

WANTED, by Dan Loughnane at once, a Superior General; state age, wages.—M 912, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 27 B

WANTED for doctor's house, near Belfast, two in family, capable General, able to cook; liberal wages to suitable person. Apply, with copies of references, to D 1787, this office. 28 A

WANTED, smart young General; good plain cook; no scrubbing or washing; good wages; small family. Apply, after 7 o'clock, 1 Vesey terrace, Dorville avenue, Ballsbridge.

WANTED, two superior Generals, small family; wages £30.—D 1755, this office. 28 A

WANTED a good General Servant, small family, city; references required.—D 1794, this office. 28 A

WANTED immediately, good General Servant; small, quiet family.—8 Greenmount road, Terenure.

WANTED, General.—40 Lesson Park.

WANTED, superior General; early riser; good plain cook; good wages.—Mrs. Mildmay, Orpen Lodge, Malahide.

WANTED, a General; good cook and laundress, 2 children; wages £30; recommended.—Address "Z 3545, Cook," this office. 28 B

WANTED, General immediately. Call between 1 and 3, 35 Wellington road.

WANTED, young General, good plain cook, small family; wages £25.—18 Brookfield, Lesson Park, Donnybrook. 30 B

WANTED, in January, trained Protestant General (Maid); good references; small family, where good wages and outings.—D 1875, this office. 31 B

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED.

HOUSEMAID Wanted, young, strong, good reference essential.—Private Nursing Home, 7 Mount street Crescent. 27 B

HOUSE Parlourmaid Wanted, middle January; experienced; recommended; £26; housemaid kept.—Morgan, Crossgar, Tuam. 28 C

PARLOURMAID Wanted immediately for town; must be well recommended; young, strong Girl; small family; wages £30. Reply D 1839, this office. 29 D

SUPERIOR House Parlourmaid Wanted; good wages; not over 25; January 10th; for Dun Laoghaire.—6 16, Irish Times Branch Office, Dun Laoghaire.

WANTED, experienced Single-handed Housemaid; over 30 preferred; £24-£28; good wages; also some help given; neat, copies.—Mrs. Pilkins, Lisheen, Sligo. 27 D

WANTED, superior Girl, 21 once, as Housemaid; good reference essential; a little washing, small family; wages £28. Reply D 1840, this office. 29 D

WANTED, well trained House and Parlourmaid; country girl preferred; Read declining; state wages, to Mrs. Merrick, Castleknock, Co. Dublin. 28 X

NURSES WANTED.

AGENT for NURSES, MAIDS, and ATTENDANTS.—Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton st., Dublin. T Interviews daily. Tel. No. 52258.

EXPERIENCED Nurse Wanted for one baby, small age; apply with copies, state wages and age.—Mrs. MacCarthy O'Leary, Artane House, Artane. Dublin. 28 A

REQUIRED, end of January, a Nurse, to take baby entirely; must be experienced; £3 4s. per week. Send references to Mrs. Doran, Bank of Ireland, Roscommon. 31 B

SUPERIOR, experienced Nurse Wanted immediately for one baby; couple of days two boys, 2 years and 7 months, respectively; must be highly recommended; R.C. and copies; state age, wages and references.—D 1835, this office. 30 B

WANTED immediately, experienced young Nurse, baby 9 months; do washing, nursery; good references; send copies.—Tomlinson, Fairyhill, Blackrock. 31 B

WANTED, experienced Nurse, over 30, country, infant 3 months, boy 21 years; keep nursery, do their laundry and own; wages about £30. Send references, Evans, Athboy. 28 B

WANTED, experienced Nurse, take entire charge four children, with baby; £35, £40; copies references, age.—Archer's Agency, 19a Dawson street. 30 B

WANTED, Protestant Nurse to mind three children; country, Address "Z 3547, Nurse," this office. 29 D

WANTED, Lady Nurse or Maid, between 20 and 30, take charge of darling child; need 1 year and 9 months. Address "Z 3563, Nurse," this office. 30 B

WANTED, Nurse Housemaid. Apply to-day 5 to 7 o'clock, 27 Leeson Park.

WANTED for four, experienced Nurse, supervise staff of 3, boy 11 years and baby with baby from month later, do own nursery; state wages expected; middle aged not objected.—D 1856, this office. 31 B

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A VERY respectable young Woman wishes Daily Work; lady highly recommends.—604, Irish Times Branch Office, Bagot street Bridge.

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LADY most thoroughly recommends Maid, Daily or Housework; position where invalid; 8 hours work; South side.—D 1860, this office. 29 D

WANTED, Outdoor Work in city; good reference.—D 1848, this office.

WOMAN wants Daily Work, washing, housework; South side or Merrion; references.—D 1872, this office.

YOUNG Girl wishes Morning Work; well recommended.—3 Donnybrook avenue, Donnybrook. 28 A

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EXCELLENT young Cook, Institution, hotel; suit large family place.—Minihy, 11, Lower Leeson street. 28 C

GOOD Cook General or Cook, single-handed; good long references.—D 1836, this office.

LADY recommends superior young Cook General, small family; no washing; from 13th January. Write to 18 Wellington road, Ballsbridge. 25 D

GENERALS DISENGAGED.

A RESPECTABLE General, small family, in city; highly recommended.—D 1804, this office. 27 B

A GENERAL, temporary; reference. First class Daily Worker. Sober.—Nolan, 3 Harcourt place. 28 C

EXPERIENCED General; plain cooking, small washing; city or suburbs; £24.—H. 37 Denzille st.

RESPECTABLE country Girl, General, small family; good home; £20. Fisher, Glenageary. 28 A

SMART young General, small family; good reference. D 1837, this office. 28 A

YOUNG General, good cooking, small washing; city or suburbs.—D 1728, this office. 28 A

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS DISENGAGED.

COUNTRY Girl wishes Training as House Parlourmaid; good cooking. Apply Waverley, Grange-down's Tailor, Co. Carlow.

HOUSE Parlourmaid, young, experienced; small family. Address "Z 3555, House Parlourmaid," this office. 28 B

HOUSEMAID or House Parlourmaid seeks situation; good papers.—D 1855, this office.

LADY wishes to find situation for Protestant House maid in gentleman's family. Address "Z 3554, Housemaid," this office. 29 D

NURSES DISENGAGED.

A LADY Nurse, experienced, takes baby from month; good testimonials; country or suburbs; Irish Church.—D 1849, Irish Times Branch Office, Mathimines. 27 B

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DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACT, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned have been nominated as Candidates for Election as "Traders' Members" and as "Shipping Members" at the Election to be held in pursuance of the above Act, on Tuesday, the 8th January, 1924.

Candidates Proposed as "Traders' Members":—Field, William, Howth View, Blackrock, Co. Dublin; Hall, Frederick Henry, 32 Nassau street, Dublin; Leonard, Patrick, 17 Lr. Dominick street, Dublin; McCullagh, Thomas Robert, 11 Burgh quay, Dublin.

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E. H. BAILEY, Secretary.

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And the Glory of the Lord
Alleluia Chorus
Sermon.
His Grace the Archbishop will preside and
Te Deum.
BENEDICTION.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following is the order of Advertisements to-day's Irish Times and Irish Independent:—

Births, Marriages and Deaths.	Houses and Premises for Sale & Wanted.
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The Irish Times.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1923.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The Minister of Agriculture in Dublin has informed the Monaghan Farmers' Union that the whole system of the marketing of Irish produce is at present under consideration.—(Page 6.)

Two masked raiders entered a house at Gracedieu, Waterford, on Friday night and demanded arms. In an exchange of shots between one of the men and an occupant of the house the raider was seriously wounded.—(Page 5.)

Captain William McLean and Captain Robert Walsh, of the National Army, were remanded at Tralee on Saturday charged with having harboured Lieutenant Gaffney, knowing that he and four soldiers had been charged with murder. Lieutenant Gaffney escaped from the police barrack in Tralee and has not been found.—(Page 5.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

Sir Auckland Geddes has resigned the post of British Ambassador at Washington, and Sir Esme Howard has been appointed in his stead.—(Page 5.)

Mr. F. B. Kellog, the new American Ambassador to the Court of St. James, has arrived in London. In an interview he expressed the belief that Anglo-American relations would become more and more friendly as time went on.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD

M. Venizelos left France for Greece yesterday to settle, if, and as far as, possible the political quarrels of his country on the basis of the freely-expressed will of the people.—(Page 5.)

Great destruction has been caused in some parts of Switzerland by avalanches. Houses have been swept away and roads and railways blocked. Many persons have perished.—(Page 5.)

No further news has been received of the French airship Dixmude, and hope for the safety of the vessel has been abandoned. The King has sent a telegram of sympathy to the President of France.—(Page 5.)

A sub-committee of the Reichstag, in a report on the causes leading up to the war, does not blame any particular nation, but exonerates Germany.—(Page 5.)

Much concern has been caused in Belgrade by a speech of the Bulgarian Premier, in the course of which he is suspected of having given a military challenge to Jugo-Slavia.—(Page 5.)

FINANCIAL.

In Lombard street on Saturday there was a big demand for loans into the new year, and a big sum was borrowed from the Bank of England at 4½ per cent. for nine days and over.—(Page 9.)

SPORTING.

At Newbury on Saturday Save Me won the Berkshire Hurdle Race.—(Page 8.)

America and Europe.

The fact that Sir Auckland Geddes has resigned his post as British Ambassador to the United States will cause widespread regret. Sir Auckland has been among the most successful representatives of the British nation at Washington. He was one of the prime movers in the Washington Conference; he did valuable work behind the scenes in connection with the Irish settlement, and altogether his tenure of the Ambassadorship in the United States has been marked by the most excellent results. It is announced to-day that Sir Auckland Geddes will be succeeded by Sir Esmé Howard, a relative of the Duke of Norfolk, who has had a distinguished diplomatic career. He has been Ambassador to the Spanish Court, Minister to Sweden and Secretary to many European Embassies, while at one period he was assistant secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Sir Esmé Howard is a diplomat of the old school, who may be trusted to do everything in his power to preserve the good relations between Britain and the United States. The Washington Embassy is now probably the most important British Embassy in the world. Its occupant needs special gifts of tact and discernment, and, now that a Presidential election is within sight, the new Ambassador's powers may be put to a severe test.

The appointment of Sir Esmé Howard coincides with the arrival in Great Britain of a new American Ambassador to the Court of St. James. Mr. Frank B. Kellogg, who succeeds Mr. George Harvey, is a good Republican of the Harding type and is a warm supporter of Anglo-American friendship. During his stay in London Mr. Harvey laid the foundations of a real and lasting affection between the two peoples, and the disappearance of all contentious issues affecting their welfare has brought about an enormous improvement in their political relations. Yet much remains to be done. Mr. Kellogg will be an Ambassador not only to the British Court, but also to the people of Europe. His duty will be to interpret to them the peculiar views of Americans on old-world affairs. The Republican Party wants to remain on terms of friendship with all the nations; but Washington's dictum in regard to "foreign entanglements" has become almost a fetish, and those who imagine that President Coolidge will make any drastic changes in President Harding's policy imagine a vain thing. The British people find some difficulty in appreciating this attitude, and not the least important part of Mr. Kellogg's duty will be to explain it to them. His first message to the British nation suggests that he is a worthy successor to Mr. Harvey, whose term of office was a brilliant success.

Since President Wilson's *débacle* at Paris the American public has been extremely suspicious of Europe, and, although its relations with Britain have improved considerably during the past few years, its general attitude scarcely has changed at all. America is primarily a business country—a fact that is proved conclusively by its refusal to join in a naval demonstration against Sun Yat Sen's Chinese marauders lest it might forfeit the commercial good-will of Peking—and it simply cannot understand Europe's ways. Americans are told that Europe has no money, and, therefore, cannot pay even the interest on its debt to the United States. Yet they learn that France has granted credits of eight million francs to the Little *Entente* in order that Poland, Jugo-Slavia and Czecho-Slovakia may buy arms and ammunition. They see the whole Continent transformed into an armed camp, with suspicion and hatred rampant, and no fair-minded man can blame them if they refuse to have any part or lot in our affairs. Without the assistance of America, however, Europe never can be saved. Feuds will persist; nations will continue to arm one against the other; there will be no real peace until the people of the United States take up again the burden which they threw down in 1919. Mr. Harvey recognises that fact, and we believe that Mr. Kellogg will recognise it very soon. In the meanwhile Europe's problems are waiting to be solved, and their urgency will not brook delay.

The Cost of War.

On the Continent of Europe, at any rate, the middle classes are paying the main costs of the war. There is no distinction in this respect between victor and vanquished. For professional people, *rentiers* and small traders the prospects are almost equally gloomy in Paris and Berlin. During the last couple of years in Germany taxation has bled these classes to the bone, and their discomfiture is likely to be completed by the Government's latest plan for the payment of the Allied Powers. It is at once simple and devastating; the Government proposes to raise money for reparations in rent instead of taxes. Rent restriction was enforced in Germany during the war and has prevailed till the present time, with the result that inflation has extinguished the value of house property. The new plan will restore pre-war rents gradually to the level of 1914. They will be paid in gold, and the State will take half the amount of the rents as a rapidly increasing fund for the payment of reparations. Every householder in Germany will be taxed in this fashion. The crushing effect of this blow on the middle classes is explained by the Berlin Correspondent of the *Observer*, who points out that Germany before the war was a country of mortgages, and that every landlord had mortgages on the houses which he owned—often up to fifty or seventy *per cent.* of his receipts from rent. The greater part of these mortgages was paid off in paper money during the inflation period, and the mortgage-holders have been ruined. Now a further ruin of unproductive capital is contemplated in the interests of the employers of labour. The old rents on all houses will be restored, and the owners must pay one half of the assessed rents to the Reich. The factory-owners may be able to endure this tax, but the smaller landlords, even though freed from their pre-war mortgages, will be hit very hardly. The plan amounts to a real estate guarantee for the foreign loan which is necessary to Germany's economic existence. It will be enforced almost entirely at the *rentiers'* expense, since "big business" anticipates an enormously stimulated export trade and Herr Stinnes has assured the working classes that they will not be required to pay their entire pre-war rents before they receive their entire pre-war wages. The French *rentier* will be in no mood to shout "*Væ victis*"; for he, too, is in a bad way. The cost of living is rising in France as steadily as the franc is falling. Every day the people's discontent finds new expression, and the Government, with an eye on the next elections, is making elaborate, but apparently futile, efforts to deal with the problem. The municipal budget for Paris shows a deficit of more than forty million francs, and a swarm of new taxes—such as increased tramway fares, a tax on public vehicles and a tax on fire insurance policies—is proposed. Parliament has passed financial bills which will exact a further seventy-five million francs a year from Paris ratepayers through the municipality, and nearly three-quarters of this sum must be raised by direct taxation. The greater part of France's new burdens will be borne by the middle classes. There, even more than in Germany, the working-man is comparatively safe. It is the fixed incomes that suffer.

Enemies of Society.

We do not think that there is any need to exhort the Free State Government to be vigilant in the protection of the people's property and the suppression of crime. Ministers have the best reasons to know how hardly the country was redeemed from chaos, and the best reasons to fear any serious relapse into disorder. Public confidence is a thing of slow and difficult growth. It has come into existence now—confidence in the State's future and in the Government's power to govern—but it is still a delicate plant and must be fostered with the utmost care. During recent weeks criminals have been disconcertingly active in various parts of the country. There was an outbreak of robbery under arms in Dublin during the Christmas season; but here the city detective and police forces have done good work, and—for the moment, at any rate—the situation has improved. Many crimes, however, including several murders, have been reported from the provinces, and in the majority of these cases the criminals have not been brought to book. It is obvious that a considerable number of lawless and dangerous persons is still at large in the Free State and that such persons are able to possess themselves of firearms and ammunition. We believe that the Civic Guard and the military authorities are working actively to protect the public peace. We hope that they will be successful in every case and that success will be rewarded in a manner that will encourage them to further effort. We hope also that judges, juries and magistrates will make stern examples of all captured and convicted criminals. The public, too, has a duty in the matter. It must support the law not merely passively, but actively. "Politics" has ceased to be a cover for outrage. Murderers and robbers are enemies of the State which the people have established, and it is the direct duty of every law-abiding citizen to give every possible help to the authorities in the detection and suppression of crime. We note with much satisfaction the increasing number of cases in which raiders have been defeated by the courage and resource of their intended victims.

The Game of Chess.

Large numbers of holiday-makers have been attracted to Hastings by the annual Chess Congress; the Council Chamber has been made the arena of play, and the Mayor has given an official welcome to players and followers of the games. Poe, himself a chess expert, contended that draughts and whist were more exacting tests of human faculty, since they required of players not only memory and patience, but resourcefulness under sudden changes and knowledge of human nature in studying their opponents. He held that chess was purely mathematical. We suspect that among public players it has now become so. Players such as Macdonnell, Blackburne and Lewis explored the board and mapped out the possibilities of every opening. With their accumulated experience, the modern player has none of the tests of experiment which still make the game so exciting to beginners, and, perhaps, the mathematical prodigy has become the chess expert. When we note the youthfulness of modern experts, and read of a young girl at Hastings defeating veterans, we suspect that the brain of a "lightning calculator," rather than that of a true chess player, is concerned. In ancient Ireland a primitive form of chess was a favourite pastime. In the Annals precious chess-boards are often reckoned with cattle in plunder; and a game of chess was the immediate cause of the Battle of Clontarf. During the last century the greatest of chess exponents was Paul Morphy, and Mason was Irish. We do not find, however, in Ireland, as in England, chess tournaments proceeding in village halls, and we hope that the people of the *Saorstat* in their mental travels have not lost all taste for the serious pastime favoured by Finn and Brian, or become irretrievably addicted to the hectic game called "Spoil Five."

COURT AND PERSONAL.

Before returning to London with the King for the opening of Parliament, the Queen will pay Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles a visit at Goldsborough Hall next month. Princess Mary will not be back in London for the entertainment in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, to which she has given her patronage and which will be held in Claridge's Hotel on next Thursday. Princess Marie Louise is another of the patronesses, and has promised to be present.

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The Italian Ambassador and the Marchesa della Torretta will hold a reception for the members of the Italian colony in London on New Year's Day at the Italian Embassy in Grosvenor square. A similar reception will be held at the Swedish Legation by the Swedish Minister and Baroness Palmstierna for their compatriots.

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Viscountess Maitland left Southampton last Saturday for New York, and will spend some weeks at Palm Beach. The Countess of Sefton and her brother, Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. Harry Bridgeman, and Lieutenant-General Sir George Gorringe were among the passengers who left England last Saturday by the ss. Mantola for East Africa. Major-General Sir Cameron and Lady Shute and Sir John and Lady Lynn-Thomas have left Southampton for New Zealand.

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The Prince of Monaco, accompanied by the Hereditary Princess and her husband, Prince Pierre, and Princess Antoinette and the baby Prince, spent Christmas at the Palace, Monte Carlo, where they were welcomed by the inhabitants, who crowded the beautifully decorated streets. The latest arrivals in Monte Carlo include the Grand Duke Dmitri, the Earl and Countess Sondes, Lord Dewar, Lord Wolverton, Lord Borwick, the Hon. Reginald and Mrs. Brougham, the Hon. Evelyn and Mrs. Fitzgerald, the Hon. Mrs. William Peters, the Hon. Reginald and Mrs. Fellowes, Sir John and Lady Peter, Sir Charles Graves-Sawle, Sir Hugh and Lady Drummond, Sir Frederick and Lady Maxwell, Sir Ellis and Lady Griffith, Rear-Admiral, Mrs., and Miss Rider; Lady and Miss Robertson, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Ommanney, Colonel and Mrs. Penry Williams, and Captain and Mrs. Hugh Orr-Ewing.

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The Crown Prince and the Crown Princess of Siam have arrived at Cannes, where the visitors include the American Ambassador to France and Mrs. Herrick and party, the American Ambassador to Belgium and Mrs. Brand Whitlock, Prince and Princess Said Halim, Baron and Baroness de Tuyl, Mr. and Lady Eleanor Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jay Gould, the Countess of Onslow, Prince and Princess Pierre Galitzine, and Major-General Sir Arthur and Lady Binny Scott. Prince and Princess Raynier de Bourbon are staying with Count and Countess de Caserta, and the Hon. Francis and Mrs. Eaton are staying with Lord and Lady Cheylesmore at the Villa Saint-Priest, and Lady Wavertree has a small party at the Villa Il Paradiso, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Wester Wemyss has returned to Cannes, and has joined Lady Wester Wemyss at the Villa Montbrillant.

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Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William H. Mahon, Bart., D.S.O., is sixty-seven to-day. He was formerly in the West Yorkshire Regiment, and commanded the 4th Battalion and served through the South African War. He succeeded his father, the Rev. Sir William V. R. Mahon, fourth Baronet, in 1893, and twelve years later married the Hon. Edith Dillon, second daughter of the fourth Lord Clonbrock. They have two sons and one daughter.

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The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place shortly, between Alfred E. MacKenzie, A.C.A., third son of the late Stephen MacKenzie and Mrs. MacKenzie, "Somerset," Stradbrook, Blackrock, and Lillie, fourth daughter of the late John Casey and Mrs. Casey, "The Plantation," Stillorgan road, Donnybrook.

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Sir Thomas Myles has left Dublin for one week.

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F. O. Stoker has returned to 23 Westland row.

To prevent unemployment between the seasons, Switzer and Co. have decided to make all their Ladies' Tailor Suits at cost price from now until early in February, at which time the Spring Fashions arrive from Paris.

Holmes' Winter Sale commences to-day. Unprecedented Bargains in all Departments. W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South George's street.

Mrs. Mercedes D'Alton, 3 Molesworth street—Sale, great reductions, commencing to-day (Monday, December 31st).

Dance the new year in at the Salthill Hotel, Monkstown.

Alice (late Switzer's)—Sale, Model Gowns and Hats, reduced to half price.—18 Stephen's Green.

The Royal Irish Industries Association, 85 Grafton street, 1st floor, announce a "Removal Sale" prior to opening up in larger and more commodious premises. All goods at very reduced prices.

Yvonne (Madame Kirkwood Hackett)—Annual Winter Sale. Great reductions in Afternoon and Evening Gowns, Hats, Knitted Suits, etc.

Sale at Leon's, 133 Stephen's Green, of Costumes, Furs, and Coats at greatly reduced prices.

The "Geisha" Café, South King street, adjoining Gaiety Theatre—Hot luncheons, best quality, home made cakes and scones. When visiting pantomime call in for lunch or tea—willing service.

Slyne's Sale—Sensational reductions in Frocks, Hats, and Undies.—Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

Kiddies' Reefer Coats in nap, velours cloth, and covert coating, suitable for spring wear, at Slyne's Sale, sizes 18" to 26", prices 29s. 11d. to 59s. 11d. Also in large sizes, 4, 5, 6, prices 59s. 11d. to 79s. 11d.—Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton st. and 1 and 2 Harry st.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
Arrivals:—Dudley White, K.C.; Frank J. Fay, Gerard Fay, Dina Copeman, A. L. Cheall, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, Miss Doreen Bradley, J. Brereton Barry.

McBirney and Co.'s Great Annual Winter Sale will commence to-day.

The Mansfield Sisters—Annual Winter Sale now on. Great Bargains in Millinery, Afternoon and Dance Frocks. Furs Reduced also.—28 Wicklow street.

Special three weeks' Sale of Winter Boots and Shoes, held up by port trouble. Great Bargains to effect speedy clearance.—Doyle and Son, Ltd., 38 Mary street, Dublin.

"Our Boys," the Noted Juvenile Clothiers and Outfitters, commence a great Sale on to-morrow. Genuine Bargains.—24 Wicklow st.

Gibson and Co., Ladies' Tailors, Specialists in designing and cutting. All models made on the premises. Inspection invited.—141 Lr. Baggot st.

Mourning Orders receive prompt attention. 'Phone 4906.—Davis and Co., 46 Grafton street.

Fur Overcoats with Fur Collars, to be cleared regardless of cost.—Hoffman, 46 Grafton street.

RINGING THE CHANGES.

(BY H. McN.)

TO-NIGHT at midnight from hundreds of bells the message will ring forth to the world, "The old year is dead. The new year is born."

Below, in the churches, in the streets and in their homes many will hear the changes rung, and to some they will recall sad thoughts of dear ones who are no more, of disappointments, failures, griefs; while to others the chimes will bring cheery hopes for the future, and the children, hearing them in sleep, may dream, perhaps, of Dick Whittington and his cat.

But above in the belfry the ringers will be busy. Theirs is vigorous and skilful work and leaves no time to dream or ponder. Up high, in a room some sixteen feet square, they stand at their ropes in a circle. In St. Patrick's Cathedral, whose changes will be heard in Dublin from half-past 11 until half-past 12, there are twelve ringers. The tenor and the next five ringers stand in shirt-sleeves on little platforms, which decrease progressively in height from a few feet to a few inches. The six ringers of lighter bells stand on little carpets. From the high ceiling hang the long thin ropes with loops at the ends. Higher up on these ropes is a set of thick braided grips.

Standing on his platform the ringer pulls the loop with both hands, and as the bell booms forth and the rope travels rapidly down he adroitly catches the higher grip. Another pull on this, the bell sounds forth once more, and this time the rope travels up again, and for the next stroke the lower grip is used. The bell is, when silent, "upside down," and as it is pulled it swings to one side and over until it is again "upside down." The next pull swings it in the opposite direction. In one position the rope is wrapped around the fly-wheel, in the other it is loose. That necessitates the alternate grips.

The bells are rung in "changes" of four, five or more, and a "change" is the ringing of each bell once in a particular sequence. Each different sequence is a new "change." The number of changes which can be rung without repetition on a peal of comparatively few bells is surprisingly large, corresponding to the permutations of the mathematician. On the twelve bells of St. Patrick's the possible number of changes is 479,001.600.

As an example of the order of ringing, a few changes of "grandiose triples" may be quoted:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
2 1 3 5 4 7 6
2 3 1 4 5 6 7 etc.

Many wonderful sets of changes have been rung, and the longest ever rung was that of Easter Sunday, 1909, when, at Loughborough, a peal of 18,027 changes was rung in twelve hours eighteen minutes. It is interesting to note that Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, who took part in this ringing and composed the changes, is now the conductor in St. Patrick's.

It is simple to follow the order of ringing on paper, but in the belfry the ringing is too rapid to follow. Twenty-four changes of twelve bells each are rung per minute, and the ringers have to work very rapidly. From time to time the conductor shouts "Bob!", which is the order to make a variation in the changes according to a prearranged programme.

The bells themselves weigh, with their mountings, up to three tons, and the strain which these swinging weights imposes on the tower is very great.

To-night changes of ten and eight in D minor will be rung, and this key gives a somewhat plaintive and sad music for the passing of the year that is dead.

TUT-ANKH-AMEN'S INNER SHRINE.

INTERESTING BIBLICAL RESEMBLANCE.

The removal of the roof sections of the great shrine has now provided a better opportunity than has hitherto been available for viewing the linen pall which covers the inner shrine. So far the front part has been practically all that has been visible of this covering, but the open top now reveals the whole of the pall, with the exception of a portion hanging down the back and side of the inner shrine.

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At the rear of the inner shrine stands a frame similar to that found in front of its doors, with a connecting beam running along the whole length of its top, and the pall can be seen stretched across the structure, which is plentifully decorated in gilt. But, like the front part, which has already been removed to the laboratory, a portion of the pall actually covering the roof of the inner shrine has collapsed under its own weight and that of its gilt rosettes. Still at least one half of the top of the fabric, all of which has turned a dull brown, remains in position, with the rosettes adhering, and one can get a very good idea what the pall was like when it was originally put in place 3,200 years ago.

As the central beam is higher than the outer corners of the frame, the pall is arched, which gives the structure a remarkably boothlike appearance.

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Somehow the sight of this contrivance, with its spangled design and gilded under-structure, and underneath the beautiful inner shrine, with its precious contents, at once turns one's thoughts to the Bible. Much in this manner, it strikes one, must the Ark of the Israelites have been sheltered when it rested in the wilderness. As a matter of fact, there is, in many respects a curious resemblance to the Tabernacle of the Covenant, described in Exodus.

Sepulchral shrines, like that of Tut-ankh-Amen, are obviously replicas of the shrines erected in those days for the prevailing deities in Egyptian temples, and it is, indeed, quite conceivable that, as the Children of Israel had just emerged from bondage in Egypt, these temple shrines, as representing something with which they were familiar, were taken as a basic model when the time came to design a place of sanctity for their own deity.—(*Times* World Copyright.)

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The removal of the roof of the shrine was successfully accomplished this week, although it was a difficult business. It is only a part of the greater probem confronting the expedition, and their still remains the most delicate operation of dismantling the outer shrine before any further step can be taken to penetrate the inner shrine and elucidate the mystery it conceals.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—A wedge of high pressure is spreading in from the Atlantic, and winds will be mainly westerly to north-westerly in the North, with occasional showers, but only over England, with mainly fair weather. The temperature will be moderate to rather low.

Ireland.—Moderate to fresh north-westerly winds; occasional showers; visibility moderate to good; temperature moderate to rather low.

All Irish Seaboards.—Fresh northerly winds; occasional showers; visibility moderate to good; sea rather rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

BAROMETER.

Dublin—Saturday (1 p.m.)	30.40
" Sunday (3 p.m.)	30.10
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To-day....Rises	8.41 Sets 4.15
To-morrow.... "	8.41 " 4.16
Lighting-up Time	5.15

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Dick Whittington and his Cat," 2 and 7.30 p.m.
Theatre Royal—"Hotch Potch," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Theatre Royal—"Hansel and Gretel," 2.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Cinderella," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"The Old Woman Remembers" and "The Glorious Uncertainty," 8 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"Aladd

HOUSES SWEPT AWAY.

WHOLE FAMILIES BURIED.

AVALANCHES IN THE ALPS.

ROADS AND RAILWAYS BLOCKED.

Serious avalanches are taking place daily all over the Northern Alps. Many buildings have been destroyed, and considerable damage is being done to forests. In some places whole families have been buried.

A message from Montreaux says that rain and mild weather continue in the lowlands; while snowfalls and further avalanches are reported from the Alpine districts. Thus, from Les Diablerets it is announced that an avalanche descended the southern slope of Chatillan, and carried away seven barns and chalets. The latter were not inhabited.

From Adelboden it is reported that an avalanche, starting from the region of the Schwandfeldspitze, struck the Hotel Bellevue, seriously damaging the northern wing of the building. A great part of the furniture was destroyed. The bridge at Krauzergraben, on the road between Frutigen and Adelboden, has been carried away by an avalanche over a length of 180 yards. The road has been rendered impassable by snow, stones and wood accumulated.

From Meiringen it is announced that the Brunig line is blocked by snow over a distance of 120 yards, between Giswill and Kaiserstuhl, owing to an avalanche which brought down a large quantity of stones and trees. The railway and postal services have likewise suffered from this unusual weather.

The Orient express train, which passes through Switzerland three times a week between Paris and Vienna, had to be sent round by Feldkirch, Lindau, and Munich, instead of via Buchs and the Arlberg, the usual route, owing to avalanches in the Arlberg. Communications with San Antonian, in one of the valleys in the Grisons, is interrupted, and its inhabitants are afraid to leave their dwellings for fear of further avalanches.

Sixteen barns were carried away and several head of cattle killed in the Gundelwald region by an enormous avalanche descending from the north side of St. Alden. It is unknown whether any lives have been lost.—(Reuter.)

SEVEN KILLED.

AVALANCHES IN THE TYROL.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

VIENNA, Sunday.

Seven people have been killed while engaged in winter sports in the Tyrol in the last few days. A party of seven men of Innsbruck, ascending a mountain on snowshoes, were surprised by an avalanche, and only two managed to extricate themselves.

Of a party of three ski-runners buried under an avalanche near Bloeckenau, in North Tyrol, only one, a youth, could be rescued. He was seriously injured. For decades there have not been such heavy snowfalls in the Tyrol as at present.

FLOODS IN FRANCE.

LANDSLIDE ON RAILWAY LINE.

PARIS, Saturday.

The Seine continues to rise, and pumps are being used outside Paris and within the city itself. There is no sign of the waters abating, and more rain has fallen.

A landslide has occurred on the railway near Saint Priest le Prugne (Loire), leaving the rails suspended in the air. A farmer who noticed what had happened signalled to the driver of an approaching train, which was brought to a halt just in time.

Avalanches have blocked the line from Bellegarde to Chezery, and the roads from Confort to Lelex and Chezery are cut. The Valley of Valserine has been cut off for a week, and the heavy snow has caused damage to the roofs of houses in the district.

PARIS, Sunday.

The cellars of houses situated in the lower parts of Paris are flooded, while several families in the suburbs have already had to leave their homes. Many roads in the Marne and Aisne have been invaded by floods.—(Reuter.)

UTILISING THE TIDES.

PROPOSED POWER STATION OF ABER-WRACK.

PARIS, Saturday.

The voting by the Senate of the bill already passed by the Chamber, providing for the erection of an electric power station, driven by the force of the tides, at Aber-Wrach (Finisterre), brings the industrial exploitation of the force of the tides into the realm of practical possibilities.

It is proposed to construct a barrage 150 metres long and four groups of turbines will be driven both by the flood and the ebb tides, the estimated power varying from 75 to 1,200 h.p., according to the flow of water.

This tidal station will be worked in conjunction with another station employing the waters of a stream, the Diouris, which empties itself into the estuary of Aber-Wrach. This second station will provide sufficient energy to supplement the power lacking at high and low tides, and will thus enable the current to be regularised. It is estimated that the two stations together should provide a constant minimum power of 1,600 horse-power and a maximum of 3,200 horse-power. The annual production would be eleven million kilowatt hours, corresponding to an annual economy of 16,500 tons of coal.

The Aber-Wrach station is, nevertheless, considered primarily in the light of an experiment on a large scale. It is hoped to solve some of the problems which will arise in connection with this attempt to harness the tides, and thus to acquire sufficient information to be able to judge with greater certainty the possibilities of a wide utilisation of the tides. Requests for concessions have already been received, particularly as regards the estuary of the Rance. Brittany has not an adequate electric supply, and if the experiment proves a success it will enable the cost of electric current, at present high on account of the foreign coal used by the power stations, to be reduced.—(Reuter.)

GREECE'S PROBLEMS.

M. VENIZELOS AS IMPARTIAL COUNSELLOR.

PARIS, Sunday.

M. Venizelos left Marseilles for Greece this morning on board the Greek steamer Andros, which had put in at Marseilles especially to convey him to Greece.

M. Venizelos declined to make any statement before embarking, as he desires to examine the conditions in Greece on the spot before he commits himself. It is clear, however, from his recent remarks that he has no intention of accepting power for a prolonged period and wishes as far as possible to remain aloof from purely party politics.

His purpose is to appease the political quarrels, which have enfeebled the country, and in France it is expected that this task will take him at least three months.

With regard to the chief problem with which Greece is confronted—that of whether she should live under a Republican or a Royalist *régime*—the solution will obviously depend on circumstances, but it is known that M. Venizelos, on the one hand, does not desire to bring back King George if the country is opposed to his return, and, on the other hand, does not mean to institute or encourage the idea of a Republic unless it is undoubtedly in conformity with the will of the people. What is contemplated is a plebiscite, which will be above suspicion.—(*The Times* Correspondent.)

INTOXICATION AND CRIME.

PARIS PREFECTURE OF POLICE REPORT.

BIG TOLL OF STREET ACCIDENTS.

PARIS, December 29.

The report of the Paris Prefecture of the Police for the year 1923 shows that there have been 109,425 street accidents in the year, 150 of which proved fatal. Motor cars were responsible for 92 of these fatal cases.

There has been an increase both in intoxication and crime. During the first eleven months of the year there were 16,203 arrests for intoxication, or 3,000 more than last year, but this figure is lower than the pre-war figure, 27,000 arrests being made in 1912.

During the year 13,035 criminals were arrested, including 1,577 foreigners; 142 burglaries were committed, and 104 motor cars were stolen.

The number of foreigners living in Paris continues to increase. The Prefecture received this year 63,686 requests for identity cards, or 26,000 more than last year.

Paris now possesses 607 theatres, music halls, concert halls, and cinemas, and no less than 875 dancing halls.—(Reuter.)

RESIGNATION OF SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.

It is announced officially that Sir Auckland Geddes, having been informed by his medical advisers that the state of his eyes will not admit of his immediate resumption of work at Washington, has felt bound to tender his resignation.

The following appointments in the Diplomatic Service have, in consequence, been submitted to, and have received the approval of His Majesty:—

The Right Hon. Sir Esme Howard, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., C.V.O., to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Washington.

The Right Hon. Sir Horace Rumbold, Bart., G.C.M.G., M.V.O., to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Madrid.

It is understood that, pending the arrival of the new Ambassador, Sir Auckland Geddes is returning for a brief visit to Washington, to make the necessary arrangements for his departure, and to say good-bye to his numerous friends.

FROM A DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

Sir Auckland Geddes's decision to resign has created great surprise in official circles, although he has suffered from grave eyesight troubles for many months past, and on more than one occasion has contemplated retiring. Sir Auckland was granted leave on account of his eye trouble last June, and has spent the rest of the year recuperating in England. Recently he assured his friends that he was fit once more, and was looking forward to taking up his duties in Washington again before the year was out. The vision of one of his eyes was completely restored, he thought, and the other was very much better. Even last week there were prominent British officials who were convinced that he would be able to resume his Washington functions.

He had apparently, however, taken too optimistic a view of the condition of his eyes, and the report of the doctor has been more serious than was anticipated. The eye trouble is traceable to gas poisoning incurred during the war, and for the past two years he has had a constant fight against it. The condition was aggravated by his close attention to duty, and great care had to be taken to save him from total blindness. It may be said that the retiring Ambassador is a martyr to the War Debt Funding Agreement.

Sir Auckland Geddes was one of Mr. Lloyd George's war discoveries. He was successively Director of Recruiting, Minister of National Service, President of the old Local Government Board, Minister of Reconstruction, and President of the Board of Trade.

Sir Esme Howard, his successor, was Minister in Switzerland and Sweden, and served on the Peace Delegation before becoming Ambassador at Madrid. He is essentially a diplomatist, and represents the older tradition of Ambassador, as distinguished from the type represented by Lord Bryce, Lord Reading, and Sir Auckland Geddes—men who were distinguished as politicians.

NEW UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR.

MR. KELLOGG ON ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

Mr. F. B. Kellog, the new American Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, arrived at Plymouth yesterday.

In an interview before his departure for London, he said that he was pleased to be in England again, after an interval of over three years, and he looked forward to renewing his old acquaintanceships. He hoped that he would be able to maintain the high standard set by the many distinguished men who had preceded him.

It was, he said, an interesting time to be in Europe, and also a very critical time in the world's affairs. The economic and political chaos existing in many parts of the world called for the most tolerant and broad-minded statesmanship, especially of the Great Powers. He hoped and believed that 1924 would be brighter than 1923, as the world gradually struggled back from the great conflict.

Mr. Kellog believed that Anglo-American relations would grow more and more friendly as time went on, and said that he should do his best towards that end.

Mr. Kellog arrived in London from Plymouth in the afternoon, and proceeded, after various introductions to personages on the platform, including Mr. J. B. Monck, representing the Marquis Curzon, to Claridge's Hotel.

MR. BRUCE'S VISIT TO FRANCE.

BEST MEANS OF ENSURING PEACE.

BOULOGNE, Sunday.

The Prime Minister of Australia and Mrs. Bruce returned to London to-night from their visit to the battlefields and war cemeteries of France and Belgium. Mr. Bruce was accompanied throughout the tour by Major-General Sir Fabian Ware, Permanent Vice-Chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission.

In expressing to the Sub-Prefect of Boulogne his gratitude for his reception at the various towns in France, he said:—"I have recently attended the Conferences of the statesmen of the British Empire, which took place in London, at which our greatest task was to consider means by which we might be able to ensure the maintenance of the peace and liberty of the world, for which the war was fought. I believe that this end will be best attained by continuing between England and France that common action which existed during the war. I am certain that, with good-will on both sides, a solution will be found for the difficult situation which has arisen in Europe."—(Reuter.)

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

SPECIAL POLICEMAN'S FATE.

William John Hicks, aged 24, Knockategal, County Fermanagh, was accidentally shot dead at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday in the townland of Gortmullen. The accident occurred when he was crossing a fence. Hicks was in front, and his cousin, William Mulligan, Callowhill, Derrylin, was behind. Mulligan's gun caught in the fence, and the charge went off and entered Hicks's back. Death was instantaneous. He was a member of the R.U. Special Constabulary, and was stationed at Belmore, Derrygonnelly. He had been home on leave for some days, and was out for a day's [illegible]

CAUSES OF THE WAR.

REICHSTAG COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS.

GERMANY EXONERATED

BERLIN, Sunday.

The Sub-Committee of the Reichstag Committee, appointed to inquire into the situation which led up to the war, has delivered its report on the question of Germany's attitude at the Hague Conference of 1899 and 1907.

The Sub-Committee is of opinion that the opposing material factor in the days before the war was not that a warlike Germany was opposed to peace-loving Powers, but that there existed on the one side an idea that the nations were to be considered as military factors with a feeling of greed and economic extension, and, on the other, that there was the movement towards peace to satisfy the longings of nations.

At the time no practical proposals were put forward by any Government to obviate international dangers. The proposals made by Russia at The Hague in 1899 were so drafted that for the moment Germany's opponents would have been favoured.

As, after the rejection in 1899, the question was again to be raised, the German Government considered it advisable from the very beginning to refrain from taking part in the discussions, in view of the geographical position of Germany and the increased manpower of the Franco-Russian dual alliance, and its reinforcement by Great Britain.

Germany, the report says, did not take advantage of her favourable situation at the time of the Boer War or the Russo-Japanese War to make humiliating demands upon other Powers.

With regard to Germany's attitude towards the problem of international arbitration jurisdiction, the Committee declares that Germany was by no means alone in rejecting the proposals for an international arbitration treaty, as it was not adopted by eleven States. Moreover, when other States pretended to be more favourably disposed towards the proposal, they made such reservations that fruitful results were doubtful.—(Reuter.)

GENERAL SMUTS'S SPEECH.

SOUTH AFRICAN CRITICISM.

JOHANNESBURG, December 29.

The *Rand Daily Mail* to-day publishes a long and carefully-argued leading article disagreeing with the contention made by General Smuts in his speech on December 14, that the decisions of the Imperial Conference ought to be binding upon any British Government, and expressing the opinion that General Smuts will, on second thoughts, abandon his attitude.

The newspaper declares that General Smuts cannot escape the conclusion that, if the Conferences are to continue, everything they do must be subjected to review by the Parliaments of the countries affected. "There is," it adds, "no alternative save the setting-up of an Imperial body whose judgments would over-ride the ideas of the Dominions' Governments or of the British Government, and neither the Dominions nor Great Britain would consent to the magnifying of the Imperial Conference into such a supreme body."

The Imperial Conference system, the article continues, cannot bind Parliaments and peoples in advance, neither must it ignore them. Insistence upon such a principle would soon destroy the system. The risk of the rejection of the Conference's carefully-discussed proposals must remain and be tolerated as one of the unavoidable disadvantages of the free British system.

In conclusion, the newspaper emphasises that the Dominions and the Mother country must realise the value of the Imperial Conference system, and urges that the rejection of the Preference plan, upon which the Dominions based high hopes, must not be allowed to react by any hasty imperilling of that system. "Rather," it says, "should we study it more carefully with the idea of devising some plan whereby its drawbacks, born of freedom, may be reduced to a minimum.—(Reuter.)

STEAMERS FOUNDER.

CREW OF AMERICAN CARGO BOAT LOST.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sunday.

The Izonzo, a small Italian vessel, of 250 tons, sank off Zoungouldak as the result of a collision.

The last fortnight in December has been characterised by violent gales from all points of the compass, accompanied by rain and snow. Much damage has been done to shipping in Turkish waters, particularly in the Black Sea, where the big American cargo boat Lovejos, carrying manganese ore from Batoum, foundered with all hands on Thursday last.

A wireless message, picked up by the British steamer Molesley, said: "Lovejos sinking fast; hold number one full of water; have received no response to calls for help."—(Reuter.)

THE MEXICAN REVOLT.

AMERICAN HELP FOR GOVERNMENT PARTY.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.

The United States Government has agreed to sell a quantity of war material to the Obregon Government in a desire to aid that Government, which is facing an armed uprising. The war material involved includes rifles, stored at points near the border, and ten military aeroplanes.

A Vera Cruz message says that the town of Tuxpan has joined the revolutionary movement. The message describes this development as important, as it yields the revolutionary movement absolute control of the entire oil region, of which Tuxpan is the port.—(Reuter.)

MR. MASSEY ON FREE TRADE.

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

OTTAWA, Saturday.

Mr. Massey, the New Zealand Prime Minister, was the guest of honour here to-night at a dinner given by the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, and the members of the Government. Mr. Massey will to-morrow go to Government House, where he will be the guest of the Governor-General, Lord Byng, until his departure for the Pacific Coast on Sunday evening.

Addressing the Canadian Club at Montreal this afternoon, Mr. Massey again urged a system of Imperial preferential trade as being in the best interest of the Empire. He deprecated "Great Britain's worship of the fetish of Free Trade," declaring that it was Free Trade only one way, because imports were allowed in free, but no freedom was given by other countries to British exports.

With a million and a half of British unemployed and other countries paving their workmen in paper money and selling their goods for gold, a change in the British policy was necessary. He honestly believed that "this terrible British unemployment problem was due to Britain's Free Trade policy."—(Reuter.)

ILLNESS OF SIR WALTER PARRATT.

On inquiry at Windsor Castle on Saturday morning, it was learned that Sir Walter Parratt, Organist of St. George's Chapel and Master of the King's Music, who has been lying ill at his residence at the Castle, is much better. Sir Walter is over 80 years of age.

NEW CLOUD IN THE BALKANS.

BULGARIAN PREMIER'S SPEECH ANNOYS SERBS.

MILITARY CHALLENGE SUSPECTED.

SEVERE MEASURES URGED.

BELGRADE, Sunday.

A grave situation has arisen between Jugo-Slavia and Bulgaria following M. Tzankoff's speech in the Sobranye (Bulgarian Parliament) yesterday, which caused a painful impression here.

M. Tzankoff's references to the treatment of Bulgarian minorities in Macedonia and to Bulgaria's desire to do away with voluntary enlistment for the Army are strongly condemned in official circles as well as in the Press. The Bulgarian Premier's hope that the Allied Powers would authorise the Government temporarily to recruit the Army on conscription basis is interpreted as a demand to keep a standing Army and as equivalent to a challenge to the Jugo-Slavs.

At the conclusion of a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday, which discussed M. Tzankoff's speech, M. Rakitch, the Serbian Minister in Sofia, was instructed by telegraph to return to Belgrade to confer with the Government upon the situation.

In official circles the Bulgarian Premier's utterance is regarded as marking a definite change in Bulgaria's policy in favour of the restoration of pre-war conditions in the Balkans.

Commenting on the situation, the newspaper *Vreme* says:—"The duty of the Government is to adopt very severe measures, and, if necessary, military steps, to assure the future security of our people, which has earned the right to live and work in peace."—(Reuter.)

RUSSIA AND BULGARIA.

SOVIET AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

SOFIA, Saturday.

The Soviet Government has made a request to the Bulgarian Government for negotiations to be opened for the resumption of diplomatic relations between Russia and Bulgaria. In its request the Soviet Government declares that its representatives will refrain from interfering in the internal life of the country, and that the Soviet Government has nothing in common with the Third International, whose headquarters might just as well be in any other European city as in Moscow. The Bulgarian Cabinet has not yet begun its consideration of the request.—(Reuter.)

GERMANY'S FLOATING DEBT.

A BIG REDUCTION.

BERLIN, Sunday.

Germany's floating debt decreased from November 15, the date on which the Rentenmark was first issued, from 191.6 to 96.9 trillion paper marks on December 30th, and the indebtedness of the German Reich to the Reichsbank, according to an official statement issued by the Ministry of Finance, may now be regarded as discharged.

Since the Reichsbank no longer discounts Treasury bills, and the Reich's expenditure and revenue do not yet balance each other, the Reich is obliged to raise credit from the Rentenbank, which credit, on December 20, apart from the two hundred million Rentenmarks used for the redemption of the floating debt, amounted to 770,000,000 Rentenmarks.—(Reuter.)

NAVAL APPOINTMENT.

CAPTAIN F. C. DREYER.

Captain Frederic C. Dreyer, C.B., C.B.E., has been promoted Rear-Admiral on the retirement of Rear-Admiral J. S. Alderson, C.B.

Rear-Admiral Dreyer is a son of Mr. John L. Dreyer, of Oxford, formerly Assistant Astronomer at the Dublin University Observatory and Director of the Armagh Observatory. He was born in January, 1878, at Birr, King's County, and was educated at the Royal School, Armagh. He entered the Navy in 1891, and specialised in gunnery. In 1907 he became Commander, in 1910 Flag-Commander to Vice-Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, and was appointed to the War Staff in 1912. He was captain of the Amphion in 1913. Orion 1913-1915, and Iron Duke (the Battle of Jutland) 1915-1916. In that year he became Assistant Director of the Anti-Submarine Division of the Admiralty Naval Staff, Director of Naval Ordnance 1917-1918, Director of Naval Artillery and Torpedo 1918-1919, Commodore 1919, and Chief of Staff to Admiral Viscount Jellicoe 1919-1920. His last service was in command of the battle-cruiser Repulse, in which, in view of the cruise round the world, he was relieved on November 21.

GERMANY'S RAILWAYS.

MAY PASS INTO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Sunday.

The German railways, wrecked by bureaucratic methods and political intrigue, are nearing private ownership.

I learn from an authoritative source that a "deal," whereby the State railways will pass into private hands, with the German Government only a minor shareholder in the company and without control, will soon be consummated. The weakness of the bureaucratic management, which overtook the control of the railways on the fall of the Monarchy, its constant overstaffing and preferential contracts, which were hidden beneath the flood of paper marks with which the Government covered deficits, have come to light since the stabilisation of the rentenmark. In a brief period the State system piled up a deficit of fifty million pounds debts, which the Government has no resources to meet.

Before the war the German railways, while they were State owned, were operated for the benefit of the absolute Monarchy by a small group of men, who worked on a basis of profit for the Empire, as managing directors of private railways operate for the benefit of the stockholders. Since democracy overthrew Kaiserism the railways have been continually and increasingly overstaffed, their true state being hidden by fictitious paper covering years of expenses. By this policy they were entirely rehabilitated with new equipment to replace that surrendered to the Allies or that lost in the war, but the charges went to swell the total of Germany's internal paper debts and prove to be one of the largest factors contributing to the present position of the German State.

ITALY'S LITTLE WAR.

BRILLIANT VICTORIES IN TRIPOLI.

ROME, Saturday.

An official *communiqué* on military operations in Tripoli announces that the Italian columns have gained three brilliant victories over the rebel Mahallas in the zone between Misurata, near the entrance to the Gulf of Sidra and Nalut, on the Tunisian frontier, 150 kilometres from the coast.

The rebels offered resistance at three points. The operations at Beni Ulid on December 27 presented great obstacles on account of the large numbers of the enemy, the difficult nature of the ground, and the resistance of the rebels. With the aid of the National Militia the Italian troops routed the enemy, who suffered heavy losses, and in the retreat left behind much valuable material.

As a result of the operations several Europeans who were prisoners in the hands of the rebels were released.—(Reuter.)

A surplus revenue has enabled Guernsey to reduce the income-tax to 4d. in the pound for the coming year.

CHRISTIAN UNITY.

BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL'S STATEMENT.

PRIMATE'S ATTITUDE APPROVED.

The Bishop of Liverpool, preaching yesterday on Christian unity, said that as Christians of to-day faced the new year there was a passionate and growing purpose towards unity. A noble appeal went forth from the Bishops at Lambeth in 1920. Something had already come of that, in the Archbishop's record of progress made, and now they were reading the comments upon it of some who were disappointed.

Some who had taken part in the conferences were nervous, lest they should have been understood to favour anything like a surrender of the Anglican position. Others were frightened by any hint of an approach towards Rome. All that was quite natural, but if they were honest when they prayed that Christians might be one, they could do no less than cease to be satisfied with old arguments continually repeated, and to make again and again direct contact of modern mind with modern mind, trusting that the Holy Spirit would lead them into movement and action when the time was ripe.

That time was not yet, but what right had they to say that it would never come? He, for one, rejoiced that the Primate disregarded the advice of those who warned him that even to touch the subject of reunion with Rome would be unwise. He had appointed no delegates or representatives. He had begun no negotiations.

To those who were disheartened because the nearer aim of union with their brother Protestants was still so distant, he would say—We have no right to claim that any purpose of God shall be fulfilled on a day of our appointing.

BISHOP OF DURHAM'S VIEW.

The Bishop of Durham, in a letter to *The Times* regarding the conferences at Malines between English and Roman Catholic Churchmen, remarks:—There will be little disposition in any quarter to criticise a policy which commends itself to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and for which His Grace publicly claims full personal responsibility. Nevertheless, I hold myself honourably bound to say publicly what I have said to His Grace privately, that it is unfortunate, to say the least, that the authorities of the Roman Church should be encouraged to think that the version of Anglicanism which commends itself to the distinguished men who, with his Grace's approval, discussed re-union at Malines with Cardinal Mercier and his colleagues, is either shared by the majority of English Churchmen or is really congruous with the official standards of the Church of England.

CITIZENSHIP.

ARCHBISHOP & BRITAIN'S NEEDS.

TANGLED POLITICS.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, preaching at Canterbury Cathedral last evening on the subject of Citizenship, reviewed some of the great epochs of history, and said that there had always been, in one sense or another, vital standpoints from which to view the duties and responsibilities of contemporary life.

It had been the duty of thoughtful men in every separate set of circumstances to weigh the facts fairly, and to ask for guidance as to how best to promote the good, be it of country, or Church or Empire. Was that ever more obviously proved, he asked, than at this very time in England? He supposed that no new year's sun had ever risen upon a more tangled and even bewildering scene of confusion than was presented to-day by British politics. "We do want, with all our hearts, to throw whatever influence, great or small, is ours upon the side of helping, and not hindering, the securing of what is best."

He impressed upon the congregation the need of finding an ideal or guiding principle which might be applied to almost all the questions with which the country was confronted, and declared that the wider range of their whole aim and conduct and endeavours at this time should be a worthy citizenship, making for a worthy commonwealth, a worthy Church and a constantly worthier people.

"These last few years have taught us how we can usefully cast our gaze far afield beyond even the nation's life, and think of the well-being and the peace of Europe and the world. We should set ourselves to form in our nation a public opinion which, set alongside the public opinion formed in other nations, will go to make possible an actual League of Nations for the world's good.

"That ideal, for all the splendour of its range, is so practicable, so understandable, that it can be made, in my opinion, by everyone. A few weeks ago I was speaking to a leadin gpublic man about the League of Nations and other similar ideals, and his answer was:—'I should like to agree with you, but it seems to be terribly mawkish.'

"The word set me thinking, and I looked up its exact meaning. I found that literally it means maggoty or worm-corrupted. Where do we find the worm, the maggot? Is it in the uplifted gaze and high resolve which those ideals inspire, or is it in the dull routine of low, corruptible and corrupting greed to which honest folk may possibly find descent if they mock at high ideals because they cannot just yet reach them? I believe in those ideals. If we cannot reach them be it so. We can bring the reaching of them a little nearer."

FRONTIER TRAGEDY.

OFFICER SHOT DEAD BY MAD SEPOY.

JALALABAD, AFGHANISTAN, Saturday.

News has just been received here that Captain Standen, of the 2nd-9th Jats, was shot dead on the 22nd inst. at Jandola, Waziristan, by a sepoy, who ran amok.—(Reuter.)

FRANCO-CZECH TREATY.

MISGIVINGS IN GERMANY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Sunday.

German diplomatic circles are greatly excited over the new Franco-Czech Treaty, declaring that it points clearly to a Franco-Russian agreement. I learn that the preliminary negotiations for a Franco-Russian treaty, which are still pending, were carried on in the residence of the Czech Minister to Berlin. The Germans profess to see a new strangling of the Germanic peoples in Central Europe by France in the widening of the scope of French accord with Czecho-Slovakia.

COUNCIL DISMISSED.

ROSCOMMON TOWN COUNCIL ABOLISHED.

The Clerk of the Roscommon Town Commissioners, Mr. H. I. McCourt, has received an intimation from the Ministry of Local Government that, as the result of the recent inquiry by one of their inspectors, the Ministry has decided to abolish the Commissioners and transfer their duties to a Commissioner, to be appointed.

MISSIONARIES REPORTED MURDERED.

A Reuter Hankow Sunday message says:—It is reported that some missionaries belonging to the American Lutheran Brethren have been captured by bandits at Tsaoyang, in the Province of Hupeh. One report states that three missionaries have been killed by the notorious bandit chief, Laoysugren.

TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS.

LABOUR IN POWER.

FACTS AND FEARS.

The Times observes in a leading article:—It is difficult to imagine anything less useful in the present state of our party politics than dismal forebodings in advance of what a Labour Government may do. A foreigner, studying some of our newspapers at this moment, might really suppose that we were tottering on the edge of a Russian revolution, and that the only way of escape from it was being barred by the smallest of the three Parties in the State. It will be Mr. Asquith's fault, we are constantly told, and no one else's, if Socialism is in the saddle by the end of January, with all its paraphernalia for nationalising private property, diverting capital from profitable enterprise, and uprooting civilisation as we know it. They will do a much greater disservice if they now succeed in vitiating the atmosphere for his successors. Their wild alarm is not shared—and this is the material point—by the responsible leaders of any one of the three parties, who are, very wisely and very properly, reserving their freedom of action to deal with facts and not with fears. Nor—in spite of some nervous correspondents in our own columns sleepily waking to what has long been obvious to most of us—is it shared by the great bulk of the population, who are by no means disposed to Socialism, and are not in the least afraid of their ability to defeat it whenever it appears in concrete form.

The prospect of a Labour Government is serious enough without all these wild predictions—as that of any Government must be which will at first contain hardly any man with practical experience of national administration. There has been no chance here, as in the ranks of the older parties, for a gradual training in the most important of all business. What matters most is that a Government, so novel, so inexperienced, so hampered by its own irresponsible programmes in the past, should have the constant check of a vigilant and informed Opposition. It will, we may hope, be an Opposition which is neither factious nor unsympathetic with the blunders of mere inexperience. But it must be prompt to expose and defeat any attempt to put into practice those dangerous theories with which political Labour is often associated, prepared at all times to sink its own minor differences in defence of the Constitution, and careful, above everything else, to safeguard the position of the country in foreign and Imperial affairs.

Whether such an Opposition is or is not to crystallise into a single party will depend, first and foremost, upon the action of Labour itself. A constitutional party created to combat Socialism would certainly not in itself be an ideal outcome of the present abnormal situation, but if such a division should ultimately be forced by the extremists in the Labour ranks, then it would, at least, be based by that time on principles known to be at stake, and not on mere premonitions of disaster.

THE NEW AMBASSADOR.

WHY HE WAS CHOSEN.

The Times Washington Correspondent writing in regard to Mr. F. B. Kellogg, the United States Ambassador to Great Britain, states that he was chosen because President Coolidge desired to recognise the West: but those who expect to find in him anything culturally and socially different from the East will be disappointed. He is from Minnesota, but to all outward seeming he might well be from New York. He made his first acquaintance with the three R's in a little "frame" schoolhouse in Olmsteady County, Minnesota, but he differs in little if anything from the product of St. Mark's, or any other of the American schools on the English model. He is the outward and visible sign of the spiritual merging of the East and the West.

Mr. Kellogg was born in Potsdam, New York State. He is sixty-seven years old, and sixty of these have been spent in the State of Minnesota. At Rochester the young Kellogg won recognition in politics and at the Bar. There he met and married Miss Clara Cook, the daughter of a pioneer whose relatives were scattered on farms for many miles around. He has wealth, he has wide social experience, he is versed in affairs, and—last but not least—he has the priceless gift of silence. It has been half-humorously said that the Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes, "never woke in the morning without a shrinking fear that George Harvey had made a speech"; but nothing like this—whether true or untrue—will ever be said about the new Ambassador. "Discretion," as the American phrase has it, "is his middle name."

THE RETURN OF M. VENIZELOS.

THE TASK BEFORE HIM.

Commenting editorially upon the departure of M. Venizelos from France for Greece yesterday, and the task which lies before him, *The Times* remarks:—It is understood to be M. Venizelos's view that his first care, and perhaps the most difficult part of his task, must be to ascertain truly the wishes of the people as to the form of Constitution they desire for the future. Means must be found to ensure that a *referendum* on the question of Monarchy or Republic should be held fairly. King George has retired from the scene until the question shall have been answered, but in well-informed circles it is by no means considered certain that the country as a whole desires his reign to end. Demonstrations and counter-demonstrations have been engineered with success in Athens, but the efforts of General Pangalos to rush a decision have failed.

M. Venizelos was advised by letter from Paris that only a Constituent Assembly could properly decide the matter, and even at that distance his authority was sufficient to check a potential pronunciamento. Should the vote when it is taken show returns in favour of maintaining the royalty there is no reason to suppose that collaboration between King George and the first statesman of Greece would be impossible. M. Venizelos is only 59 years of age, and perhaps the greatest work of his life still lies before him. To establish political stability in a country where mutability is traditional and to train men to come after him must be his heavy task. In that task he deserves, and will have, the best wishes of this country.

AFRICAN DESERT TOUR.

A NINE HOURS' MOTOR DRIVE.

The Special Correspondent of *The Times*, in a message from El Wad (Algeria) on Saturday, states:—M. Dal Piaz's Pioneer Desert Expedition arrived at El Wad at 5 o'clock last evening, having left Tuggurt at 6 in the morning. The actual time of motoring was nine hours, and the distance, seventy miles, mostly through a country of steep, loose sandhills, which the new Renault cars covered with surprising ease. There is no reason why this should not become a regular tourist route, as experience suggests improvements, which would signify the end of the isolation, and a great increase in prosperity of a vast new region.

THE PASSING OF 1923.

The *Westminster Gazette* says:—The year which ends to-day has been a memorable one. There seems at length a real hope that the German situation will improve. Spain is experimenting with a kind of pale Fascism with happy results up to the present. Greece is apparently to make a larger experiment in her Constitution, and both changes make for order. Austria is recovering. Even Ireland enjoys peace. It is not over sanguine, therefore to suggest that the year has at least seen the sowing of a bread revival in Europe. It has seen remarkable experiments in wireless and many notable advances in scientific theory and in medicine.

Arcadius Pulunin, the Russian who was associated with Captain Conradi in the shooting of the Bolshevist Envoy, Vorowsky, at Lausanne, and was expelled from Switzerland by order of the Federal Council, has been paying a visit to Geneva in order to procure a foreign passport and settle his personal affairs. He left Switzerland on Saturday for France.

MISSING FRENCH AIRSHIP.

ALL HOPE ABANDONED.

PROBABLY STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

THE KING'S SYMPATHY.

PARIS, Saturday.

The Algiers Correspondent of the *Matin* says that the news of the death of the Dixmude's commander confirms the supposition that the Dixmude was seen over Biskra on the 20th, and for the last time during Friday night (the 21st), above the Gulf of Gabes.

On this last night a violent storm raged over the whole district, and it is feasible that the airship was struck by lightning and totally destroyed.

The *Matin* also publishes a telegram from Rome, declaring that no one caught sight of the airship during the last few days near the Sicilian coast, and it is supposed that, as the Dixmude could not keep afloat for more than fifteen minutes, she sank in the Mediterranean.—(Reuter.)

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Sunday.

Hopes for the safety of the Dixmude, or, at least, part of her crew, which survived even the finding of the body of her commander, have vanished.

The only real light shed on the mystery comes from Sciacca, where the body of Lieutenant Du Plessis de Grenadan was landed. It had already been hazarded that the lost airship met her end during the night of December 21-22, and this appears now to be confirmed. The watch of the dead officer was found to have stopped at 2.30, and the stationmaster at Sciacca remembered that at that hour on the day in question he saw a sudden glare of light out at sea, which lasted only a few seconds, and which he attributed to an effect of lightning. Other railwaymen also saw the light, and described it as looking like two balls of fire.

The conclusion is that the Dixmude, which had flashed out the last S.O.S. signal received from her early in the morning of the Friday, after being beaten about the whole of that day, with her petrol failing and her engines unmanageable, was either struck by lightning or caught in the swirl of the tempest, and finally broke in two and fell blazing into the sea.

The Sicilian fisherman who found the commander's body had noticed a strong smell of petrol on the water, and others later picked up pieces of wire recognised as part of a wireless head receiver.

The Dixmude is, indeed, generally assumed to have gone down close to the coast. It is curious, nevertheless, that the body of Lieutenant Du Plessis de Grenadan was taken out of the sea early on the morning of Boxing Day, and that neither during the four days' interval nor during the five days since has any other body been recovered.

IDLE RUMOUR.

The *Matin* publishes, with all reserve, the following telegram:—

"*TUNIS, Sunday*, 12.25 *a.m.*:—A sailing vessel which has returned to Sfax reports having seen off Chebba, at a place which she could not reach, a raft bearing three men who are supposed to be survivors of the Dixmude. A tug was immediately sent to investigate."

According to the latest advices from Tunis, competent authorities there deny the existence of this raft. No trace whatever has so far been discovered of the missing members of the crew of the Dixmude.—(Reuter.)

BRITAIN'S SYMPATHY.

MESSAGES FROM KING AND AIR COUNCIL.

The King has commanded the following telegram to be sent to the President of the French Republic:—

"Fearing from the latest information available that it is, unfortunately, all too probable that the airship Dixmude has met with disaster, I ask you, M. le Président, to accept, in the name of the French nation, the deepest sympathy which I offer on behalf of the whole Empire in the loss of so many gallant men, whose untimely fate is deplored here no less than in their own country.—GEORGE R.I."

The Air Ministry announces that, in view of the presumed loss of the airship Dixmude, Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary of State for Air, has sent the following message to the French Ministry of Marine:—

"On behalf of the Air Council and myself, I wish to offer you sincere condolences for the loss of the Dixmude, and to express our deep sympathy for the relatives of those who have been lost."

Air Chief Marshal Sir H. M. Trenchard, Chief of the Air Staff, has despatched the following message to the French

MASKED RAIDERS SURPRISED.

DUEL IN A DWELLING-HOUSE.

ONE MAN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

A sensational affair took place at the residence of a farmer, Mr. William Kearney, Gracedieu, Waterford, on Friday night, which ended in the wounding of a man named Michael Lalor, a labourer, of Ferrybank, Waterford, after a gun duel between himself and one of the occupants of the house.

From the reports supplied to the Civic Guards, it appears that at 7.30 on Friday night two masked and armed men knocked at Mr. Kearney's hall door and demanded admittance. Mr. Kearney opened the door and the two raiders entered and demanded that all the firearms in the house should be delivered up to them. Mr. Kearney refused and his son William, becoming suspicious, seized a shot gun and rushed to his father's assistance.

On seeing young Kearney with the gun, one of the raiders fled through the hall door. The second man stood his ground and opened fire on young Kearney, who replied with the shot gun. Several shots were discharged. Young Kearney states that he fired at least two, while as many or more were discharged by his assailant. Kearney was not hit, but a clock which was above his head was smashed by a bullet.

One of the shots hit the raider in the right side and the revolver fell from his hand. When his mask was removed he was recognised as a labourer named Michael Lalor, of Ferrybank, Waterford. He was found to have been seriously wounded and was conveyed to the County and City Infirmary. The revolver which he dropped was a Service automatic of the Bulldog type.

The matter was reported to the Civic Guards, who on Saturday arrested a man named Patrick O'Brien, Ferrybank, a labourer, on suspicion.

ALARMED THIEVES.

FLIGHT IN A MOTOR CAR.

On Saturday morning, at about 2.30 o'clock, a number of men visited the residence on the Lee road, Cork, of Mr. F. Daly, Ardnalee, Carrigrohane, about three miles from Cork City, apparently with the intention of robbery. The house has been raided more than once, and valuable property carried away.

The occupants of the house were roused by the noise made by the raiders. Mr. Daly heard a flower pot falling, and, going to the window, saw men below. He took his shot-gun, and going back to the window discharged four shots in quick succession. He then went to get more ammunition from a drawer in which it was kept, and on returning to the window saw a motor car racing away from the house.

To complete the rout of the party he fired two shots after the car.

A party of military from the court-house in Cork were quickly on the scene, but the raiders had disappeared, and no trace of them could be found.

It was found on Saturday morning that two panes of glass in a window at the side of the house had been broken, and there were other marks which showed the raiders' intentions.

ROBBERIES IN WATERFORD.

Several robberies have been committed in Waterford City since Christmas. Robbers lie in wait in the early morning until the residents of houses leave for early Mass or for work, and, using latchkeys, gain an entrance to the houses. Houses on the Mall and in Newtown have suffered in this way.

A few nights ago the poultry and fish establishment of Mr. Joseph Sinnott, High street, was forcibly entered and a small amount of money was taken from the gas meter.

Mrs. Colbert's private house at Thomas's Hill was entered at 7 o'clock a.m. while the occupants were at Mass, and chocolate and other things were stolen.

VESSEL IN DISTRESS.

CREW LANDED AT BRIDLINGTON.

The steamer Biesboch, bound from Antwerp to Middlesbrough, with steel and iron, was abandoned on Saturday evening in the North Sea, and the crew were landed at Bridlington at four o'clock yesterday morning. The steamer being still afloat yesterday afternoon, the Bridlington lifeboat was launched to her assistance, but in the rough sea the lifeboat rudder was unshipped, and a forced landing was made under Sewerby Cliffs without further mishap. Thousands of persons lining the foreshore witnessed the incident.

SPAIN AND CANADIAN IMPORTS.

HIGH TARIFF RATES IMPOSED.

MADRID, December 28.

The Spanish Government announces that Canadian goods must pay first column duty rates. These rates are the highest imposed, and are practically prohibitive. They affect principally agricultural machinery, tyres, and asbestos.

Canada did not adhere to the Anglo-Spanish Treaty last year, and expressed her intention of negotiating a separate treaty, though these negotiations have not yet begun.

In the meantime, the Spanish Government is not applying the most favoured nation tariff. —(Reuter.)

FRANCE AND THE GERMAN PRISONERS.

PARIS, Sunday.

It had been rumoured that a number of Germans who were imprisoned during the occupation of the Ruhr had been sent to Devil's Island, French Guiana. The rumour is officially denied. It is stated that the men were sent to the prison of St. Martindère, in the Department of Charente Inferieure, where they are to remain.—(Reuter.)

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST GUN.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
WASHINGTON, Sunday.

I understand that the American Army Ordnance experts have developed what they claim to be the most powerful gun of its kind in the world. The new weapon is a 14-inch 50 calibre type, and hurls a 1,500 pound projectile a distance of 23 miles. The total weight of the gun carriage is 700,000 pounds, and it can be mounted on wheels and put on a railroad track for transportation.

INTELLECTUAL WORKERS' CONGRESS.

PARIS, Saturday.

The International Congress of Confederations of Intellectual Workers has met at the Sorbonne, under the presidency of Mr. Clondesley Brereton, President of the British Arts Federation. Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Finland, France, Great Britain, Czecho-Slovakia and Jugo-Slavia were represented at the opening sitting, and ten other nations, including Canada and the United States, had delegated observers.—(Reuter.)

AN ARREST IN KING'S COUNTY.

Michael Burke, Ballyadden, who was arrested by the Civic Guards, has been charged with having caused the death of Thomas Coady. He was remanded in custody.

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MONGOLIAN SILVER MYSTERY.

A LOCAL SOVIET CLUB.

KALJAN-URGA MOTOR SERVICE.

PEKING, November 13 (By Mail).

A foreign merchant recently returned from Urga says that the Mongolian capital is almost completely under the control of the so-called Soviet Club, the members of which are the young Mongols, with a fair sprinkling of Kalmuks, Buriats, and Russians from the Baikal region.

Martial law is still in operation. Shortly after 11 p.m. a whistle is sounded, after which all persons seen in the streets are challenged and questioned, and if unable to give a suitable excuse are locked up.

Mongolian products, mostly furs and wool, are now paid for in silver.

Merchants buying at Urga have to take their silver there, and, as large quantities of silver are continually streaming into Urga and none is allowed to be taken away, with the exception of small sums to cover the expenses of travel, the question of what is being done with the silver in Mongolia is becoming a matter of general interest. Unless it is finding its way into Russia, there must now be a huge store of silver at Urga.

Urga now is probably more Bolshevik than Russia in its *régime*. The old Mongols have no sympathy with the young party, but they are unable to fight against it. The Hutukhta, so far as the administration is concerned, is a complete nonentity, but he still exercises spiritual sway.

There are no Japanese in Urga. The Russians probably number some 2,000, including the Red Guard of 200 men, who are obviously only kept there for moral effect. Other foreigners number about 150. Maimacheng is virtually dead. The Russian town, which was well sacked by Baron Ungern, is of little account. Murin is the centre of business.

There is no postal service between China and Urga. Letters can be posted at Urga for the outside world. They are sent on to Kiakta and Siberia, and thus reach the Chinese Eastern Railway. The wireless station is operating, but any news that it may pick up is not made public. It does not accept messages for transmission. No code telegrams are accepted at Urga. The motor service from Kalgan to Urga is excellent, but fairly costly. The charge for foreign passenger traffic is approximately from $100 to $150 per head, while the Chinese pay $60. Transportation of goods by motor car is naturally dear, but a camel load can be sent for about $25.

These conditions obtain only at Urga and centres *en route*. The remainder of Mongolia has been affected but little, if at all, by the Red *régime*. In Urga itself, however, the Mongols show no love for the Russian, either Red or White, although they have adopted Sovietism.—(Reuter.)

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

NEW OUTBREAKS CONFIRMED.

Fresh outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease were reported on Saturday, and there appear to be divided opinions among English farmers as to the wisdom of the slaughter of the herds.

An outbreak was officially reported yesterday to have occurred on a farm at the northern end of the borough of Burton-on-Trent.

Twelve beasts out of a total of seventy-one are affected.

CATTLE MOVEMENTS IN ANGLESEY.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in Dublin have been officially informed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries that the local authority for the County of Anglesey has made regulations prohibiting the movement of animals into their district.

Irish animals may be moved through the county from Holyhead landing place provided they are not untracked.

GRASS DISEASE IN HORSES.

Addressing farmers on what is known as the mysterious and fatal "grass disease" in horses, Mr. William Brown, Veterinary Department, Aberdeen University, said that the microbe had now been isolated. Four horses at the College's Farm near Aberdeen were inoculated with strains of the microbe, and were dead within three days.

He advocated the inoculation of horses against the disease several weeks before the grazing season.

KILLED ON THE LINE.

WELL-KNOWN IRON-FOUNDER'S ERROR.

A Newport, Mon., correspondent telegraphs:—Mr. Arthur Hamilton, head of the well-known firm of ironfounders, Messrs. Hamilton and Sons, of Cardiff, fell from the Paddington to South Wales express on Friday night, near Swindon, and died afterwards in hospital. It is believed that he woke up from a sleep, opened the wrong door, and stepped out on to the line.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND IN HUNGARY.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

BUDAPEST, December 27.

The Budapest Branch of the British Save the Children Fund held its fourth annual Christmas festival this year in the old Parliament Palace in Budapest. Clothes, toys, and sweets were distributed among 760 poor children by the British Minister in Budapest, Mr. T. Beaumont Hohler and Mrs. Hohler. Representatives of the Hungarian Government and the City of Budapest expressed Hungary's gratitude for the work done by the Fund, and the children at the end of the proceedings sang "God Save the King" in Hungarian.—(Reuter.)

COTTON-GROWING IN HUNGARY.

SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS.

BUDAPEST, December 27.

After experiments lasting for over twelve years, the Hungarian Minister of Agriculture has succeeded in growing cotton in the Southern districts of Hungary from seeds imported from Turkestan. The seeds have been subjected to a long process of acclimatisation, and it appears likely that they will successfully stand the Hungarian climate. The crop is said to be similar in quality to that grown in America. It is intended to introduce cotton-growing on a large scale next year in certain Southern districts.—(Reuter.)

CANADIAN TRADE RETURNS.

OTTAWA, December 28.

The total trade of Canada for the twelve months ending in November was 1,910,005,000 dollars, being an increase of 296,969,000 dollars compared with last year. The exports totalled 1,001,727,000 dollars, being an increase of 141,936,000 dollars. The imports totalled 908,279,000 dollars, being an increase of 156,025,000 dollars.

The imports from the United Kingdom during the twelve months totalled 154,854,000 dollars, being an increase of 18,920,000 dollars. The exports totalled 356,536,000 dollars, being a decrease of 4,471,000 dollars. The trade with the United States, which totalled 1,035,099,000 dollars, shows an increase of 113,760,000 dollars in imports, and 97,567,000 dollars in exports.—(Reuter.)

The Athens *Official Gazette* publishes a decree imposing a tax on business turnovers, ranging from 1 to 10 per cent., to become effective as from April 1, 1924.—(Reuter.)

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.
Open Competition. 50 Vacancies. Spring, 1924. Age 19-22. ELEVEN SUCCESSES AT LAST EXAM. (Limited Competition), August, 1923. BEST RESULT. Intending Candidates should enrol at once. Classes resume work on 31st inst.—SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.—(Advt.)

THE SCARTAGLIN SHOOTING.

HOW LIEUT. GAFFNEY ESCAPED.

TWO OFFICERS CHARGED WITH HARBOURING.

The story of how Lieutenant Gaffney, of the National Army, escaped from the Civic Guard station at Tralee on the 12th December was told on Saturday evening by Chief Superintendent Seamus Hannigan, Civic Guard, when Captain William McLean and Captain Robert Walsh, of the National Army, were charged in custody, before District Justice Johnson, with having, at one of the military barracks, Tralee, harboured Lieutenant Gaffney, knowing that he, with Sergeant Michael O'Shea, Volunteer Michael O'Shea, Volunteer Daniel Brosnan, and Volunteer Denis Leane, had feloniously and wilfully murdered Thomas Brosnan at Scartaglin on the 6th December.

Mr. Liston, State Solicitor, prosecuted. Mr. Browne, solicitor, Tralee, appeared for Captain McLean, and Mr. McCartie, solicitor, Killarney, for Captain Walsh.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EVIDENCE.

Chief Superintendent Hannigan gave evidence of having made inquiries into the murder of Thomas Brosnan, and in a few days he got evidence which satisfied him by whom the murder was committed.

Mr. Liston—Now, according to the evidence which you got, and on which you were satisfied as to who committed the murder, who are the persons who committed the murder?

Mr. McCartie and Mr. Browne both objected to the question.

After a legal argument, Mr. Liston altered the question by asking the witness whether he was present in Court when the two O'Sheas and Volunteer Brosnan were returned for trial on the charge of murdering Thomas Brosnan, and whether he had heard the evidence of Volunteer Brosnan, in which he mentioned the names of Gaffney and Leane as having taken part in the murder, in conjunction with them.

Mr. Browne and Mr. McCartie objected to this statement as having been made in the absence of the accused.

The objection was noted and over-ruled.

The Chief Superintendent, continuing his evidence, stated that Lieutenant Gaffney was taken on the morning of the 12th December to his (witness's) office upstairs, where he was detained.

Mr. Liston—Why was he detained?

Mr. McCartie and Mr. Browne objected to the question on the ground that it was against the laws of evidence. The reason why Gaffney was detained was not evidence against the accused.

The objection was overruled.

The witness, answering the question, said that he detained Gaffney for interrogation. He (witness) remained in his office upstairs all that day until about 6.30 in the evening, when he came down to the general office, where Gaffney had been detained.

LIEUTENANT MISSING.

When he came down Gaffney was not in that room. I, with Inspector McCabe and all the available Guards in the station, said the Superintendent, then went in search of Gaffney, and I and Inspector McCabe were on duty in the street up to 7 o'clock. We were standing at Denny street corner when we saw a motor car driven by Mr. Frank Reynolds going in the direction of Boherbee. The car could go that way either to the Brian O'Houlihan Barracks or to the Ballymullen Barracks.

They held up the car, the witness continued, and drove to Ballymullen Barracks, where they met the Acting G.O.C., who drove with them to the Brian O'Houlihan Barracks. The Acting G.O.C. and the witness got out of the car. The Inspector remained near the car, and the witness and the Acting G.O.C. went through the barracks to the Fever Hospital, and also, he believed, into the officers' mess. While he was in the barracks there were soldiers moving about. The Acting G.O.C. and he came back to the motor car, and found there, in addition to the driver and Inspector McCabe, Captain McLean and Captain Walsh (the accused). There was an argument going on between them and Inspector McCabe. When the Acting G.O.C. came up he asked the two captains had they seen Gaffney, and one of them said no. He asked them where they were going, and Captain Walsh said that he was going to Killarney to see his wife, who was ill. They then left in a barrack car and drove down towards Ballymullen—that is not the road to Killarney. The witness, with the acting G.O.C. and the Inspector, drove down the road towards Ballymullen, and when a little way down the road met the same car again, with the two accused officers in it. He stopped it, but again allowed it to pass. He and the acting G.O.C. and Inspector McCabe then drove to Ballymullen Barracks. The acting G.O.C. left them at the gate, and he and Inspector McCabe returned to the Civic Guard station.

SEARCH IN MILITARY BARRACK.

Shortly after their return the acting G.O.C. and the acting A.P.M. came to the station, and he and Inspector McCabe and Sergeant Kelly drove with them to the Brian O'Houlihan Barracks. They went to the room usually occupied by Lieutenant Gaffney and also to the rooms occupied by the two accused. In Gaffney's room they found on his bed the uniform that Gaffney had worn; also a Sam Brown belt. They searched for civilian clothes in Gaffney's room, but found none. He and Superintendent Kelly and Inspector McCabe then returned to the station, and near 12 o'clock both Captain McLean and Captain Walsh came to the station. They said that they had been in Killarney since last he saw them. They were discussing the "hold up" and the circumstances under which the car was about at the time of Gaffney's escape. Captain Walsh said that he had seen Gaffney in the chapel at the barracks about ten minutes before the police arrived at the Workhouse. He said that Gaffney was in the Workhouse chapel at the time the witness and the acting G.O.C. were speaking. The acting G.O.C. said that it was the duty of every officer to assist the Guards. Both officers gave their words of honour that they would return to the barracks and bring Gaffney safely down to the Civic Guard station. They wanted to know if any charge had been preferred against Gaffney. They asked was he charged with the murder of Sergeant Woods, and I, said the witness, said no. They then wanted to know was any charge preferred against him in connection with the shooting of Brosnan, and I said that no charge had been preferred against Gaffney. They then left the station, promising to bring down Gaffney immediately that they got to the Brian O'Houlihan Barracks.

The acting G.O.C. and the A.P.M. remained in the station until after three o'clock in the morning, and the accused officers did not turn up. At about three o'clock the acting G.O.C., the A.P.M., and Inspector McCabe left to go to Ballymullen Barracks, and after some time Inspector McCabe came back to the station. Since then the witness had caused a search to be made for Gaffney, and so far he had not been found.

In cross-examination by Mr. McCartie, the witness said that he learned, after the heated argument between the accused and Inspector McCabe, that the Inspector mistook Captain McLean for Gaffney, and that he resented having his cap pushed back by the Inspector. He satisfied himself that Captain Walsh's wife in Killarney was ill that evening, and he also ascertained from Mr. Reynolds that both Captain Walsh and Captain McLean did go to Killarney that night. When both the accused came to the station before 12 o'clock that night they did not say that they came to complain of Inspector McCabe's treatment of them. Captain Walsh complained that Inspector McCabe had not apologised to Captain McLean for having pushed back his cap, but Captain McLean said that Inspector McCabe had apologised. He told them that no charge had been preferred against Gaffney, but he also told them that he wanted to interrogate Gaffney in connection with the murder of Thomas Brosnan.

In cross-examination by Mr. Browne, the Superintendent said that Gaffney was never charged, and in the ordinary acceptation of the term he was never arrested. Up to the time that Gaffney escaped nobody had been tried in open court in connection with either the Woods or the Brosnan murders, and the public were ignorant as to who were in custody—not even the Press—as he deemed secrecy necessary in the interests of justice. The two accused came voluntarily to the Civic Guard station that night before 12 o'clock.

The further hearing of the charge was then adjourned to Saturday, 5th January next.

An application for bail was refused.

Both the accused captains and Lieutenant Gaffney are natives of Dublin.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

DOLE FRAUDS.—Commenting on dole fraud cases, a Dublin magistrate on Saturday pointed out that a term of imprisonment could be inflicted. He regarded frauds on the State as serious breaches, and he would deal severely with further offenders. The false pretences proved in the cases before him were the declarations that the applicants for benefit, besides being unemployed, were "fit and available for work," whereas they were, in fact, certified as unfit, and were in receipt of sickness benefit under the Health Insurance scheme for the same periods.

CARNIVAL BALL.—The new year will be ushered in in Mr. and Mrs. Leggett-Byrne's ballroom to-night with special effects. Dancing will start at 10 p.m. and be continued until 4 a.m. The ballroom has been decorated, and music will be provided by the Adelaide Melody Band.

IRISH BUTTER QUOTATION.—The Irish Dairy (Producers and Shippers) Association has fixed the price of choicest salted butter, wholesale, nett, free on rail Ireland, at £10 16s. for the week ending next Thursday. In the week ending November 22 the price was £9 5s.

FOG IN DUBLIN.—There was quite a fog in Dublin on Saturday morning, and artificial lighting was necessary up till 12 o'clock. The afternoon was wet, and conditions yesterday were very little better.

LEINSTER.

KING'S COUNTY ROBBERY.—A large quantity of boots have been stolen from Mount Bolus, King's County, Co-operative Store by robbers, who had a motor car in which they removed the stolen property.

MUNSTER.

MINISTRY OVERRIDDEN.—Clare Health Board has increased the salary of the Matron at Scariff District Hospital to £120 a year, with apartments and rations. The Minister for Local Government has sanctioned a salary of only £70, with rations.

RENT-COLLECTING COMMISSION.—The Local Government Department has refused to sanction a commission of more than 10 per cent. on all rents collected and lodged by the rent collector at Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co. Clare. Ennis District Council had allowed 15 per cent.

ULSTER.

UNEMPLOYED RELIEF SCHEME.—A special meeting of Ballisborough, Co. Cavan, Rural Council has been called for to-day to consider a motion to apply for a loan of £2,000 for road work for the relief of unemployment in the rural district, the amount to be included in the next estimate.

Loughrea, Co. Galway, District Council has decided to borrow £15,407 at 4½ per cent. to defray the cost of carrying out a general sewerage system in the town.

GUNS STOLEN.—During the temporary absence of the household, the residence of Patrick Molloy, Corrachars, near Shercock, Co. Monaghan, was forcibly entered, and two guns and a quantity of ammunition stolen.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

NOTES OF POLICE DISPOSITIONS.—At a Special Court in Omagh, Hugh Crilly, of Cookstown, was fined £1 and ordered to find a surety of £25, for having in his possession documents relating to the numbers and dispositions of the Crown forces, contrary to the Civil Authorities Act. A police sergeant stated that on searching the prisoner he found a notebook in his pocket, containing entries which referred to the strength and disposition of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Special Constabulary in Counties Londonderry and Tyrone. The book also contained plans of Cookstown Police Barracks, with snipers' posts marked round the place. It was pleaded for the prisoner that he was a member of the Sinn Fein Boy Scouts when he was twelve years old, but there was now no such organisation, nor any organisation whatever in the district which would disturb the peace. It was a foolish thing for the defendant to have a book like that in his possession, but it was not with any criminal intent, and the prisoner would give an undertaking not to have anything more to do with this thing.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH. — A woman named Mary Anne Coyle, who lived on the outskirts of Ballinagh, Co. Cavan, was burned to death on Friday night. A fire was noticed in her cottage, and after the flames had been subdued she was discovered almost burned to a cinder. The house was destroyed.

CASTLEDERG RATES.—Castlederg, Co. Tyrone, Guardians' estimate is for £2,900. The rate will be fivepence in the £ less. The Rural District Council estimate makes an increase of a penny in the £ necessary.

The death took place suddenly on Friday evening of Mr. Andrew G. Neely, Campsie road, Omagh, who held a prominent position in Masonic and sporting circles.

A sentence of three months' imprisonment, with hard labour, was imposed on John Campbell, Norwood street, Belfast, at the local Custody Court, on Saturday, where he was charged with pocket-picking.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A PLEA FOR ARTERIAL DRAINAGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The statement by President Cosgrave in the Dail on the 13th instant, that his Government could not proceed with drainage work because of its magnitude, the necessity for employing experts and an implied want of *data*, has, by whomsoever prompted, no valid foundation. Nobody expects a Minister to be personally familiar with technical affairs; therefore, it is no reflection on his good faith to show that, within the ambit of his own words, drainage works can be commenced forthwith. The President must be given credit for the fact that now, for the first time in the history of Irish drainage, want of money is not the reason given for procrastination. The magnitude of the work is, however, an exaggeration that need not frighten either the Government or the country. Drainage, like Rome, is not the work of a day. The interest on the expenditure would be but a paltry annual charge. But why strain at the magnitude of drainage while there is as much kindred money allowed to pass out of Ireland in untaxed land annuities as would, if made pay income tax, yield sufficient to drain all Ireland's swamps and idealise all her slums? This leakage of what is the lifeblood of Irish taxable revenue yields its 4s. 6d. in the £ to English revenue—nothing to the country that produces it—while the Treaty is no bar to its taxation.

Take an example from the neglected Irish rivers—the Upper Barrow, "Ireland's sorrow," the greatest scourge of flood rivers. None of the world's flood-areas can compare with it in its 1 to 7 ratio of flooded area to area of watershed; in the 70 *per cent.* permanency of duration of its flood waters, or in the entire absence of redeeming quality from its flood effects. It prompted More-O'Farrell's Drainage Act of 1851, and has ever since been begging at the gate of a callous officialdom in vain. It has been investigated, Royal-commissioned, recommended, engineered, surveyed, discussed and debated in Parliament time and again. The Board of Works used its surveys by fits and starts as an engineering recreation; the Board's archives are crammed with red-tape-l *data* of every inch and of every feature of the river. With all this, it has been shelved by every device known to those put up to camouflage inaction, until we come down to December, 1923, when once more our sensitive ears detect the voice of Jacob and the spectre of perpetuity in the cold shoulder that it encounters. Is it due to the immutability of life that all the flourish of modern change but swings around to the same old methods and leaves us practically where we were?

As regards experts, is it not more a case of "too many cooks"? Drainage, especially of the river in question, calls for precious little "engineering." Not a farmer in Leix, Offaly or Kildare but knows the work by inheritance as well as by experience. It is the "A B C" of human knowledge. There is not a difficulty between Athy and the source—and never was —save want of money. . . . If the President provides the money and authority, the Barrow works can start with full economic effect, employing 1,000 men by March next and 5,000, or more if required, by May. This is in the heart of Ireland, where labour is excellent, plentiful, unemployed, starving. Further, I have no doubt, if the country needs it, he can obtain Irish voluntary engineering assistance to carry him over any initial public works operations.

Who does not know the calamitous Upper Barrow from Athy to above Mountmellick, with its worst tributary, the Figile? There is a watershed of 408,000 acres, flooding an ever-increasing inner area, measured at 50,000 acres in 1905, and now, perhaps, 60,000 or more. This inner area is generally swamped from August to May, admitting no more annual utility from its sodden soil than the sporting chance of a crop of natural meadow, which, as in this season, generally results in failure. Floods are most intense between Athy and Monasterevan, and then at Mountmellick, where they form an immense lake, extending far over the plains to north and north-east (I refer to the flood at the end of August this year). Again, the Figile forms a continuous lake far up itself and its branches till a mud-choked mid-section holds up the upper waters, doing immense damage up to and beyond Kilcumber and Esker bridges. Below Athy the river has ample capacity to discharge, within a short time, all the upper flood waters, and consequently is not a subject for urgent attention.

From Athy up stream the improvement works would consist of (1) the removal, without compromise, of the iniquitous weirs thrown across and maintaining an ever-full river; and (2) the enlarging of the channel at its restricted parts, leaving it free of obstruction to evacuate its waters. For this unskilled work supervision is the all-important consideration; for standard unit of work must be the measure for unit of current pay. This necessary supervision can readily be secured from a plentiful market. Some bridges form bad obstacles, but it is obviously an obligation of the bridge authorities, at their own expense, to span an unrestricted flow as soon as it exists. The Commission's estimate in 1867 of £304,000 is far too high for actual labour even at present enhanced rates, unless execution is placed exclusively in Government hands, when "whatever it costs" may be substituted for estimate, and the engineer's main task will be to excuse waste and camouflage excessive expenditure.

Works of this class not requiring expensive plant ought to be entrusted to a local board recruited from the inner flooded area on an acreage franchise, with Government check. Such a board would be doing its own work, because, whatever part of the money—if any—is not provided by the State must eventually be levied on the relieved area. The titles to compensation for the weir encroachments, as well as for the equally reprehensible land encroachments, could be investigated as the work proceeds, and that more effectively than if dawdled over in preliminary fashion. There is no class of work less in need of expert advice, none capable of employing such an unlimited number of men at short notice or of yielding such a prompt return for every shovel used in its execution. Works season begins in March and ends in October. There is still time for the necessary preparations. An old celebrated engineer used to say and to practise efficiently, in carrying out works of much greater magnitude and of less simplicity and urgency, "Go ahead with the work on general instructions; drawings can be made at leisure."—Yours, etc.,

JAMES GINNELL.

24 Clyde road, Dublin,
December 29th, 1923.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION FELLOWSHIP.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—It is a propitious moment—when politicians appear to differ—to find such an excellent movement as this being started, led by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Fellowship of the British Empire Exhibition, having for its main object the furthering of the interests of Empire trade and industry, should recommend itself to every citizen in the British Empire.

It has often been said that the enemy of one's country is the man who has never left it, and I think there is a good deal of truth in the saying. Such an organisation as the Fellowship might be the means of bringing knowledge to many of the vast possibilities which do exist for further developing trade within the British Empire. It is the duty of one and all to educate the coming generation in all matters which affect the British Empire and its greatness and possibilities. I venture to hope that, although the membership is limited to the period of the Exhibition, some permanent organisation will result therefrom which will continue the educational work and thus help towards closer Imperial unity.

I should like to see each mayor in this country get into touch with the mayors of our Overseas Dominions. If this could be accomplished and a monthly letter interchanged, it would be a way of not only furthering British trade, but of finding suitable openings for those who are anxious to settle overseas. It is only necessary to meet our Overseas brethren to see clearly that we all have the same idea—to get nearer to each other and to work closer together. There are vast Imperial possibilities in this Fellowship. May I say that all correspondence on the matter should be addressed to the British Empire Exhibition, and not to me?—Yours, *etc.*,

J. NORTON GRIFFITHS.

House of Commons, London,
December 28th, 1923.

ROADS IN WEXFORD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I was glad—and so was everyone who has to walk or drive on the roads in County Wexford—to see a letter a few days ago on the state of the roads. It was time for some one to give vent to his feelings regarding them; for every one using them has cursed enough to make them unlucky as well as dangerous. I was told by the manager of a motor garage that the condition of the roads in the county has doubled the work in the garages in repairs and the sale of tyres. No wonder; for there is no avoiding the stones, and some of them are large enough to build a ditch. As regards using horses on the roads now, it is certainly cruelty to animals.

I have lately been in and through the Counties of Carlow, Kilkenny, Wicklow, etc., and I knew the boundary to any of them by the state of the Wexford roads. Who is responsible for this state of affairs? No doubt, the Wexford roads wanted repairing with macadam; but why should the authorities not do as I saw done in County Kilkenny—the steam-roller run over every road after the stones were spread? The ratepayers and motor-owners are the sufferers, and will have to pay as well as to suffer. We must only live in the hope of having good roads in County Wexford some time.—Yours, etc.,

"VINEGAR HILL."

Co. Wexford, December 29th, 1923.

FARM FIRES IN WATERFORD.

Three farm fires, which, it is said, were malicious, took place in the County Waterford during the week-end.

Between forty and fifty tons of hay, belonging to Messrs. John Jordan and Maurice Coffey, Savagetown, Dunhill, and twenty tons of straw, the property of Mr. Walter Halley, Ballyriesdaun, were set on fire and destroyed. Mr. Jordan's hay shed, which was almost new, was also burned.

The damage is estimated at several hundred pounds.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM LUDWIG.

The late Mr. William Ludwig was affectionately remembered yesterday at St. Paul's, Arran quay, the Dublin church where he started his career as a singer. At all the Masses prayers for his repose were said, and at last Mass a touching tribute to his memory was paid by the Rev. Father Martin, C.C. After Mass the whole congregation remained in their seats, while Miss A. Maxwell, the organist, played a very beautiful requiem from an unpublished symphony by Sir Henry Bishop. The finished singing of the choir of the *Cantet nunc Io*, in the *Adeste Fideles*, showed that the great musical traditions which cling around the old Dublin church since Ludwig's day, close on sixty years ago, are still honoured.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.

Mrs. Barbara Peace, who celebrated her hundredth birthday on December 10, and received congratulations on that occasion from the King and Queen, died on Saturday morning at Sealand road, Chester.

UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE.

A demand for the unconditional release of all Republican prisoners was made at a meeting in Upper Sackville street, Dublin, yesterday. Amongst the speakers were Madame Markievicz, Councillor Paul, and Madame Gcane MacBride.

IRISH PRODUCE.

FARMERS AND MARKET PRICES.

GETTING RID OF THE MIDDLEMAN.

The Minister of Agriculture for the Free State has informed the Executive of the County Monaghan Farmers' Union that the whole system of the marketing of produce is at present under consideration.

Mr. Duffy, of Clontibret, pointed out that pork was only £3 8s. per cwt., and yet Irish bacon cost 1s. 6d. per pound in the shops.

The Chairman, Mr. Hugh Maguire, said that this was one of the most important matters with which farmers had to deal. The remedy was to be found in co-operation. Sir Horace Plunkett advised the extension of the co-operation principle to the marketing of butter, and to other branches of the Irish farming industry. If the Irish farmers would put their hands in their pockets and redeem the Drogheda meat factory, which was now on the market, they would have taken a long step to remedy their grievances.

The Rev. Bernard McGarvey, C.C., said that farmers should have factories to cure their own pork. In the present circumstances the farmer was at the mercy of the middleman. He did not think that the Government could do very much for them. The remedy lay in their own hands. They might ask the Government to give a subsidy towards the starting of bacon curing factories.

The Chairman said that the Government would be reluctant to subsidise one industry, but he did not see why the farmers, by proper organisation, should not be able to conduct their own business without the help of the middleman.

Mr. T. Murphy said that they should concentrate on getting rid of the middleman. He told of one occasion when he attended a pork market, after the control price had been taken off pork. He inquired from one of the buyers what the price would be, and the buyer told him £8. He went to each farmer in the market and told him to ask £11, and not to sell for some time after the market had opened. The farmers adopted the suggestion, and in fifteen minutes the buyers put up the price to £9 10s. The farmers could control the markets if they stood together.

It was decided to take active measures to organise the farmers thoroughly for the markets, so that they would be in a position to take a proper stand; and it was also decided to communicate the facts with regard to markets to the Minister for Agriculture.

CHILDREN'S DANCES.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BRAY.

In aid of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, the Misses Mallins on Saturday afternoon gave a delightful entertainment at Arcadia, Bray. It was a matinée of dances by their young pupils. The large attendance included many of the county people. The stage and hall had been decorated by Mr. J. F. MacDermott, so that the surroundings excellently befitted the pretty scenes enacted by the children. The programme throughout was very enjoyable, and the Misses Mallins showed very effectively their efficiency as teachers of dancing and trainers of children. Even the smallest of the children often caused the heartiest of applause by the remarkable grace and precision of their movements to the music. The older children displayed a freedom of action that indicated patient and intelligent training. The many dances, both solos and groupings, and the pleasant little play, were productive of several charming scenes, which won the delighted plaudits of the spectators. When the programme had ended the Misses Mallins were generally congratulated on their own success and that of their pupils.

FORTY-TWO YEARS AS GUARD.

OVER THREE MILLION MILES ON TRAIN JOURNEYS.

When Mr. John King, the guard on the Irish Mail from Fishguard, arrived with his train at Paddington Station on Saturday morning, he had completed 42½ years in the employment of the Great Western Railway Co. For forty-two years he has been a guard, and now retires from the service. During the last twenty years he has been the guard on the Irish mail, and altogether has travelled upwards of three million miles while carrying out his duties. As guard, he met a great many of the well-known Irishmen who were crossing to Ireland.

The staff at Fishguard presented him with a walking stick, bearing an inscription in silver, and a wallet containing Treasury notes.

Before going off the platform, Mr. King had a final look through the train to see that everything was correct. He is sixty-five years of age.

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICES.

St. Ann's Church.—8 p.m., Rev. J. W. Crozier.
Rathmines Parish Church.—10.45, Rev. W. T. E. Dawson.
St. Columba's Church, Rathgar.—11 p.m.; Rev. A. E. Hughes.
St. Andrew's Church.—8 p.m., Evening Prayer; Rev. R. Northridge.
St. Werburgh's.—8 p.m.
Clontarf Parish Church.—11.15, Canon Connell.
St. Catherine's.—11.15, Rev. J. Purser Shortt.
St. Victor's.—11.15, Canon Thompson.
St. George's Parish Church.—11, Canon Greer.
St. Aidan's.—11, Rev. J. T. Cummins.
St. Augustine's.—11, Rev. R. Watson.
The Pro Cathedral.—11, Rev. G. J. F. Verschoyle.
St. Mark's.—11, Rev. Canon Cornwall.
Drumcondra Parish.—11, Rev. W. H. Coulter.
St. Kevin's, S.C.H.—11.15, Rev. R. Bird.
North Strand Parish.—11, Rev. H. Cave.
Harold's Cross Church.—11.30, Holy Communion.
St. Thomas's.—11.15, Rev. H. W. Donald.
St. Bernadine's.—11.15, Rev. D. H. Hall.
St. Paul's.—11.15, Service and Holy Communion; Rev. R. L. Leckie.

METHODIST CHURCHES

Charlemont Road.—Rev. R. Lee Orr.
Brighton Road.—Rev. G. M. Allen.
Portobello Barracks, 8 p.m., Rev. R. Brooke Morton.
Abbey Street.—10.45.
Clonliffe.—10.45.
Blackhall Place.—10.45.
Inchicore.—10.45.
Clonliffe.—11, Dr. Carruthers.
Sandymount.—11, Rev. W. Lettus Cosby.
Rinrowd.—11, Rev. R. F. Gamble.
Moravian Church, Lower Kevin street.—11.
Baptist Tabernacle, Kingsbridge.—11.
Dublin Central Mission, George's Hall, South Great George's street.—11, Rev. Lindsay H. Cullen.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

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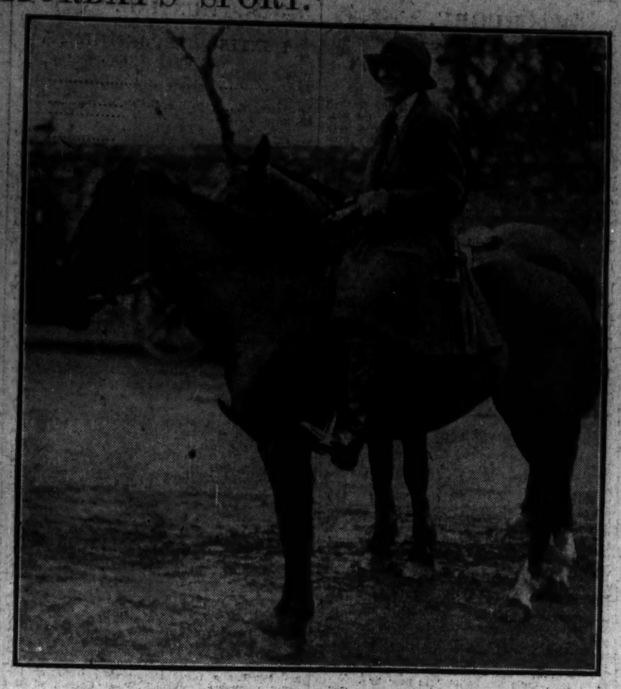
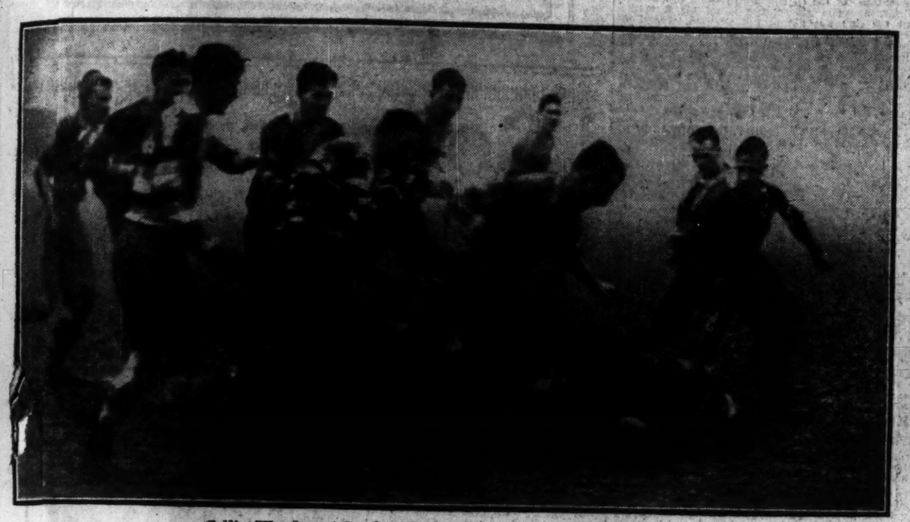
PICTURES OF SATURDAY'S SPORT.

The Hon. Mervyn P. Wingfield (right) and the Hon. Bryan E. Wingfield, sons of Viscount Powerscourt, out with the Bray Harriers.



Miss Carus Wilson with the Bray Harriers at Shankill.



Collis (Wanderers) Leads a Forward Rush Against Lansdowne.

Mr. W. Toomey, Master of Bray Harriers, and Mrs. Justin MacCarthy at Saturday's Meet.

Major D. Ross (Chief Whip) and Friends with the Sunnyland Beagles near Dundonald, Co. Down, on Saturday.

o taken at the Fancy Dress Ball held at the Metropole in aid of St. Ultan's Hospital.

The Principal Rugby Match in Dublin on Saturday was that between Lansdowne and Wanderers at Lansdowne road. Lansdowne, although the lighter team, won by a goal and two tries to a goal, and thoroughly deserved their victory.

Bray Harriers' meet at Shankill on Saturday.

Withdrawal of Roadside Signs.

TO THE MOTORING PUBLIC

THE Distributors of Shell Motor Spirit and Shell Motor Lubricating Oils have pleasure in announcing that, in sympathy with the movement for the preservation of the natural beauty of the landscape, they are proceeding forthwith to dismantle and remove all their road signs of an exclusively advertising character, throughout the countryside. They have every assurance that this step will meet with the appreciation of the many users of their Brands, and that the withdrawal of these signs will further encourage motorists to insist upon Shell products.

SHELL

Shell-Mex (Dublin), Ltd.,
70, Grafton Street, Dublin.

DAMAGE IN WEST CORK.

£20,000 CLAIMED.

A large number of notices claiming compensation for damage and the destruction of property in the rural area of Berehaven, West Cork, has been lodged with the local rural Council, the total amount involved being close on £20,000.

The Berehaven Rural Council have taken steps to oppose claims.

A Marseilles telegram, dated yesterday, says that M. Venizelos has left there for Greece.

PUBLIC-HOUSE SCENE.

CHARGE AGAINST A MILITARY POLICEMAN.

The military policeman, Michael Watchorn, Portobello Barracks, who was arrested in connection with an affray in the licensed premises at 13 Upper Gloucester street on Christmas Eve, was charged before Mr. Cooper, K.C., in the Dublin Police Court, on Saturday. He is accused of having conspired with Timothy Cronin, a prisoner on remand, and two other men not in custody, to rob the publichouse; with having, while armed with a revolver, in the shop, ordered the staff and customers to put up their hands, and unlawfully fired a shot with intent to murder the inhabitants of the shop; and also with having committed aggravated assaults on John Murray and others by striking them on the head and face with a revolver, knocking them down, and causing injuries which had to be treated in hospital.

Detective Officer Dunne stated that Mr. Murray, the foreman of the shop, had identified the prisoner from among six others as the man who stood at the door of the shop with a revolver and ordered the people to put up their hands, and assaulted him. The prisoner was afterwards identified by three other witnesses at the time of the identification, and in a subsequent statement he declared that he had not been concerned in the affair in any way.

Watchorn was remanded till to-day.

CHARGE OF BIGAMY.

UNEMPLOYED LEADER'S CASE.

At Westminster on Saturday, Gordon Patrick Quinn, aged 30, described as a leader and speaker for the unemployed, was remanded on a charge of bigamy.

Margaret Sutton Quinn stated that she married him at a registry office in Glasgow in 1915, when he was in the Army. He stayed with her at intervals, and in 1919 he forced her to sign a typewritten document that the marriage was to be regarded as at an end.

Priscilla Daisy Bowers, child's nurse, said that she met the prisoner in 1921 when speaking at an unemployed meeting. He told her that he was single, and they were married.

The Prisoner—This woman, by threats and persuasion, tricked me into marriage.

The Witness—I call you liar in front of everybody in Court.

PRISONERS TAKEN TO ENGLAND.

A number of men who were arrested by Dublin detectives in connection, it is said, with the transfer of certain property in Leeds, were handed over to Scotland Yard men in Dublin and taken to England.

KILLED IN CLUB FIRE.

A MYSTERY SOLVED.

At Abercarn on Saturday evening the Coroner for Monmouthshire held an inquest on James Nicholson, aged 25, of Bernard street, Cwmcarn, and Archibald Davies, 26, a collier, also of Bernard street, Cwmcarn, whose bodies were bound in the burnt-out ruins of the Working Men's Club Institute early on Thursday morning.

At first there was a good deal of mystery as to how the men came to be in the club, but this was explained by the evidence of Mr. Lewis Richards, the steward. He said that he closed the club premises on Boxing Night, and left no one on the premises. He had invited some members of the club to a party at his house that night, and the two men now deceased were included. At about one o'clock some one in the main road knocked at the door and said that there was a fire in the club. He rushed to the bar door and then saw that there was a fire by the side of the office. Every one of his party turned into the club with him. He called for some water, but as the fire was increasing he rushed to the telephone to connect with the Exchange at Cross Keys. After that he got his children out of the bedrooms where they were sleeping. He could see that things were pretty hopeless, but he did his best to render as much service as possible. After a short time the whole of the club-room was in flames.

The Coroner—Did you see Nicholson and Davies in the club-room? I would not like to say. The whole of the party rushed out with me, and Nicholson and Davies were among them. When the alarm was given the two men were in his (witness's) room. He left them there when he rushed out.

The Coroner—I am glad to hear you say that. It disposes of a lot of rumours floating about. No doubt, a lot of evilly-disposed people thought that these poor fellows were in the club-room when you locked up, and were under the influence of drink. I am pleased to hear you say definitely that they could not have been in the room.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that he did not know whether the secretary had been using the office that night.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

PORT BOARD ELECTIONS.

Nominations for the election to the Dublin Port and Docks Board of four traders' members and three shipping members were received by the Secretary, Mr. E. H. Bailey, on Saturday.

There were no contests, and the following retiring members were re-elected:—Traders—Messrs. William Field, F. H. Hall, P. Leonard and T. R. McCullagh. Shipping—Messrs. J. O'Dowd, A. F. Nicholl and J. Peters.

A CHARGE OF BIGAMY.

FEMALE WITNESS AND HER DEPOSITION.

When a man named John Downes was brought before Mr. Cooper, K.C., in Dublin on Saturday on a charge of bigamy, the witness on whose information the charge had been made stated that her sworn information was untrue, and the magistrate discharged the defendant and ordered the papers to be sent to the Attorney-General. The witness was Teresa Meehan, and she had stated that she came from Enniskillen to Dublin in 1920 and made the acquaintance of Downes, who then resided at 8 South Richmond street, and had a boot-repairing shop at 31 Ranelagh road, where he employed her. Later he sold the shop. She alleged that Downes took her to Liverpool, and that they were married there in the Registry Office, Brownlow Hill.

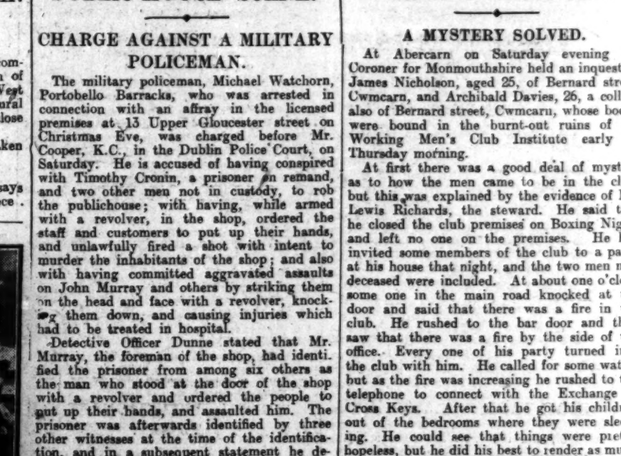
Meehan now deposed, in reply to Mr. J. W. Davis, solicitor, that the statement quoted was untrue, and that she was "forced to say it to the detective."

Mr. E. B. Maguire, solicitor, said that if the magistrate would hear him state the inner facts of the case, he would not take so severe a view of the girl's action.

Mr. Cooper said that the girl was not before him, and the defendant was discharged. He could not listen to Mr. Maguire. Any explanation there was to make could be made to the Attorney-General.

BROADCASTING FROM PARIS.

The majority of listeners-in in Great Britain last evening had the pleasure of hearing a concert from the "Radiola" Studio, in Paris. This was done by relaying over telephone lines from Paris to England, and then broadcasting in the usual way. At first some difficulty was experienced owing to crossed lines, but eventually several bagpipe solos were heard. These were followed by a speech by General Paul Antoine, President of the French Company of Radio Telephony. The speech was delivered in French, after which a translation was read by one of the British Broadcasting Company's engineers, who was present in Paris. The General, at the conclusion of his speech, sent New Year greetings to the English and French listeners-in, and concluded by quoting King George's remark, when at the graveyards of Vimy Bridge—"Let us be friends for ever."



DOCKERS AND CARGOES.

A DISPUTE SETTLED.

dispute between the permanent and al dockers at the South Wall, Dublin, ive to the part that each should take in handling of three cargoes of phosphates amicably settled on Saturday.

ith regard to the proposal to "cut" the s of Dublin Port and Docks Board em- s by 4s. per week, a conference between sentatives of the Board and the Irish sport Union has been arranged for nesday next at the offices of the Board. bout 700 employés, including the clerical of the Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Company will be affected by the "cut" s. weekly in their wages, which comes into e on the first pay day in January. ther reduction of 3s. weekly will take e in February.

MANOR SCHOOL, FERMOY.

ne old boys and well-wishers of the Manor ol, Fermoy, will be interested to hear of presentation made on December 17th to or and Mrs. Marriott on their retirement the management of the school. A concert given by the boys previous to the pre- ation, which consisted of a handsome oak , bearing a cut glass decanter, with ses, water jug and biscuit barrel to match. ajor Marriott thanked the boys with h feeling on behalf of himself and Mrs. riott for their handsome gift. He spoke the happy days that he had spent with m and expressed his great regret at leav-

he distribution of school prizes then took ce.

he future management of the school will under the direction of Major Marriott's mer colleagues, Mr. H. W. A. Evans and J. T. Howells.

DEATH OF A WEST CORK CENTENARIAN.

The oldest inhabitant in Dunmanway, West rk, has passed away in the person of Mrs. y McCarthy, whose death occurred at her idence in Railway street, at the great age 103 years. She had been ill only for a weeks before her death.

UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER.

A universal week of prayer, promoted by the Evangelical Alliance, will be observed throughout the world from January 6 to 12. The movement is supported by the Primate and many diocesan bishops, the Primus of the Episcopal Church of Scotland, and representatives of the Free Churches in Great Britain, as well as of the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A., and the Keswick Convention. The importance of the week of prayer in relation to international good-will and peace cannot be too strongly emphasised. Meetings will be held daily in the Y.M.C.A. Building, Dublin, and suburbs.

THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS OF FURNITURE AND FINE ARTS.

TUESDAY.

25 Brighton square, Rathgar (James H. North and Co.).

FRIDAY.

Ballydavis, Maryborough (Gaze and Jessop).

TAILTEANN GAMES.

MUNSTER OFFICIAL'S VIEWS.

Interviewed regarding the feasibility of holding the Tailteann Games next August, Mr. Patrick McGrath, Secretary to the Munster Council of the Gaelic Athletic Association, said:—I cannot understand how the opposition to the holding of the Games has arisen so suddenly. I regard the Central Executive as fully competent to deal with the matter, and, no doubt, at the next meeting of that body they will give a final direction regarding it. As far as the Gaels, in Munster at all events, are concerned, they have implicit confidence in the wisdom and discretion of the Director, Mr. J. J. Walsh.

With regard to the Croke Park venue, I am of opinion that it is suitable in every respect.

Mr. McGrath added that he had no doubt that the central authority would make ample provision in the matter of catering and hotel accommodation for the public.

BRITISH NATIONAL OPERA COMPANY AND IRELAND.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the British National Opera Company in London on Saturday, it was stated that the company is trying to arrange for a visit to Ireland.

DEATH OF A NOTED BRIGHTON CHARACTER.

Mr. D. L. Treharne, a well-known Brighton character, died yesterday. He was the author of innumerable verses and songs, and his unusual attire made him a conspicuous figure at Brighton. In winter and summer alike he wore a great coat, over which was a mackintosh, and he invariably wore gaiters and heavy boots. He also always carried an umbrella and a large case full of papers. Mr. Treharne was about fifty years of age.

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE

SAVERNAKE WINS.

SPRING HANDICAPS.

CAPTAIN BENNET'S CONDITION.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Sunday Night.

Enormous interest was created at Newbury on Saturday by the match between Civic Guard and Savernake in the Berkshire Hurdle. There were five runners in all, but the event was universally regarded as a match between the two clever new recruits to the jumping business.

As everyone knows now Savernake won it easily by four lengths. I suggested here on Saturday morning that Savernake would win and that the other would be favourite, which all worked out according to anticipations; but it was Savernake as a matter of fact who opened favourite, and he was only displaced towards the finish by the great confidence which Mr. Kershaw and the Anthonys had in their horse. Mr. Purefoy was equally confident about the son of Charles O'Malley and Goura, and Harry Beasley crossed from Ireland on Friday night to ride him.

Neither Beasley nor Anthony seemed to be very anxious to go to the front, and Nane Smugger made the running at a strong pace. Just before they turned into the straight Spinney Hill, which had caused the leader, blundered, and in his fall brought down Nane Smugger. This was unfortunate, for the latter was going so well when he fell that he might conceivably have had something to do with the finish. Anyhow, with the pair down Civic Guard was left in front. Up the straight Mr. Kershaw's horse was going strongly, with Savernake lying behind, and there was nothing to choose between them. Coming to the last hurdle Beasley began his challenge. The pair jumped the flight practically together, but once they were on the flat Savernake, with his big advantage in the weights, was able to go right away and win cleverly by four lengths.

CIVIC GUARD NOT DISGRACED.

Civic Guard was in no way disgraced, and we must still regard him as a tip-top hurdler. It was just asking too much of him to give 19lbs. to the younger horse, who, in addition to having a fine turn of speed, is a very quick and clever jumper. It will be very interesting should the pair meet again on terms more favourable to Civic Guard. I think, however, that Savernake is likely to make a smasher at the game, and I imagine he would be favourite were he to come up against Noce D'Argent and the other new recruits who have been distinguishing themselves since the season started.

Civic Guard, I believe, is to be entered for the Lincolnshire Handicap, and also Noce D'Argent. The first-named is a horse who might do really well under Jockey Club Rules if his season over hurdles, where he is started by the flag, will have made him forget his intense dislike to the gate. On the one occasion last season, when he did get off, he won in a common canter. The opposition happened to be moderate, but the way in which he did his work made a great impression. Fred Darling, who then trained him for Mr. Bertie Drage, gave him up in disgust, and he was sold out of Reckhampton to Mr. Monty Savill, who also could make nothing of him, and let him go to Owen Anthony for a few hundreds. It would take several thousands to buy him now.

EUREKA II. UNFORTUNATE.

This Civic Guard and Savernake race was the attraction which drew a very big crowd to Newbury yesterday. They saw, too, quite good all-round racing. I had thought that Lord Woolavington's Eureka II would have won the Lambourn Steeplechase, and he probably would have done so but for an unfortunate accident. It appears that his young jockey, Robson, did not have his reins buckled, and lost one as he jumped the first fence, with the result that befofe he could recover it the horse had run out of the course. This was a most exasperating piece of luck for his backers, as most people had gone solidly for him.

The Irish mare, Gem, won it eventually, but she might not have done so had not Chin Chin, who was in the lead, made a bad blunder two fences from home and let her up. She then scored easily by four lengths. Last year Gem was running in selling races. Of course she was very favourably weighted here, and Gilbert Bennett's stable, in which she is trained, had some regard for her chance. Old Taffytus, whom she shall be considering again when the Grand National comes round, made the running for some distance, but his want of pace told in the straight, and he was beaten off into third place.

The most interesting runner in this event was Gerald L., with 12st. 9lb. to carry, and, being short of a race, it was not surprising to find that he was not fancied. He looked very fresh and big, and jumped as well as ever, but want of condition and the weight told on him, and he missed a place. However, we can assume from what he did that he is in all probability as good as ever he was, and that he will be winning races before a great length of time has elapsed.

THE JOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Gem was ridden in this Lambourn Steeplechase by Dick Rees, and the success enabled him to draw one ahead of Hogan again in the race for the cross-country riders' championship. In the previous race—a selling steeplechase—Hogan had ridden the winner, The Saint IV., and had thus drawn level with his rival. It was a little piquant, by the way, to find Rees on Gem from Bennett's stable, with which Hogan has been so closely associated, and the Irish horseman standing down.

An interesting winner of the day was Mrs. D'Arcy Baker's nice young horse, Test Match, who won the last race, the Andover Steeplechase, from his two opponents, Tullygorey and Lovely Bird. The last-named was much expected to give Rees another winning ride, and he was a better favourite than Test Match. He was well beaten half-way up the straight, and Test Match went on to gain a clever victory by a couple of lengths from Tullygorey.

The biggest gamble of the day went wrong when Glad Joycie, from Mr. Hastings's stable, was beaten by the 10 to 1 chance, Merry Lad, in the Moderate Hurdle. There was a considerable fancy for Mr. Purefoy's Benjamin Cherry, but all the inspired money was for Glad Joycie. Benjamin Cherry was in the lead for a mile, after which he began to drop back. Merry Lad then took it up, and, easily resisting the challenge of Glad Joycie, Mr. Savill's horse beat her in a canter.

NOMINATION DAY.

The last issue of the "Racing Calendar" contained the signs and portents that we shall soon be out of the period of comparative hibernation so far as important racing is concerned. It warned us that the entries for many of the important Spring Handicaps close on Tuesday next. This is the event that used to be referred to as nomination day, but the term has not much meaning for the average racegoer of the younger generation. In a very short time, therefore, we shall get an inkling of owners' intentions as regards the coming handicaps.

As we know that Zev has already been entered at the offices of the New York Jockey Club, Papyrus and Tranquil are certain entrants here, and that the Grand Prix winner, Filibert de Savoire, as well as the unlucky Massine—by many people considered the best French three-year-old of last season—are also very likely to be included, we can anticipate a great race.

There are such as Teresina and Parth to take part, and I expect that Sir George Bullough will put in Soldumeno as well as Eastern Monarch. I expect, too, that Mr. Macomber will take a nomination for his great stayer, Rose Prince. There was a time when the French horses used to be very favourable in the Gold Cup, but the Ascot trophy has not gone across the Channel since Maximum II. secured it for M. de Bremond more than twenty years ago, though Eider did dead heat with The White Knight, being afterwards disqualified. If Zev and Filibert de Savoire do come to give battle to our own champions we shall have a very remarkable international race.

CHELTENHAM.

As a prelude to the big New Year Meeting at Manchester we have a one-day fixture to-morrow at Cheltenham, where I expect to see SANCROFT give Mr. Frank Brown a winning mount in the Amateurs' Hurdle Race. THE BLEEKA will probably win the Leckhampton Novices' Steeplechase, and HUGH O'NEILL the steeplechase confined to amateur riders.

I am very glad to hear to-night that, though Captain Bennet is still unconscious in Wolverhampton Hospital, his condition shows some improvement, so we may be prepared to hear better news of him very soon. He has now been unconscious for more than three days.

GALTEE MORE.

NEWBURY RESULTS.

1.0—WROUGHTON (S.) HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, £200. 2m.

Mr. J. Harris's bl. g. YORICK, by Black Jester—Mary Grant, 5, 10-13 ..... G. Duller 1
Mr. E. Pigrott's BEDELIA, 5, 10-2 ..... K. Pigrott 2
Mrs. Aldworth's APPELLANT, a, 11-0 ..... Tighe 3
Also ran—Life Buoy (Major Doyle), Polybus (W. Parvin), Woodside Lad (Wootton), Northington (Mr. Frideaux), Kroomer (E. East), Glance (G. Wall), The Ock (Sargeant), Bruff Battle (Truslove), Dinant (J. Gray), Shustoke (J. East). (Off 1.0). (Winner trained by Hyams.)

Betting—2 to 1 on YORICK, 5 to 1 agst. Woodside Lad, 10 to 1 Bedella, 100 to 8 each Life Buoy and Appellant, 20 to 1 any other.

Won by ten lengths; one length.

The winner was bought in for 210 guineas.

1.30—WILTS (S.) STEEPLECHASE, £150. 2 m. and about 50 yds

Mr. M. B. Savill's ch. h. MERRY LAD, by Rock Flint—Merry Ida, 6, 11-8 ..... L. Rees 1
Mr. W. Bankier's GLAD JOYCIE, 6, 11-0 ..... J. Anthony 2
Mr. L. E. Cribbin's WILL SWING, 5, 10-8 ..... G. Lane 3

Also ran:—Polyhistor (Mr. H. Applin), Benjamin Cherry (H. H. Beasley), Dundonald (J. Reed), Molly Machree (Mr. Graham), Drive On (Mr. Learmouth), Roundhay (A. Smith), Phat (Major Doyle), Goldance (H. East), Plumado (W. Parvin), Blenheim (Pellerin), Lady Bramshot (Woodburn), Entanglement (W. Crump), Happy (A. Heard), Tiermourne (V. Duller), Glanforte (T. Moreau), Great Days (J. East), Transform (C. Donnelly). (Off 3.0.) (Winner trained by Savill.)

Betting—7 to 4 agst. Glad Joycie, 4 to 1 Benjamin Cherry, 5 to 1 Lady Bramshot, 10 to 1 each MERRY LAD and Will Swing, 100 to 8 Dundonald, 100 to 7 Plumado, 20 to 1 any other.

Won by four lengths; two lengths. Roundhay was fourth.

3.30—ANDOVER HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £150. 2 m. and about 50 yds.

Mrs. D'A. Baker's b. g. TEST MATCH, by Captivation—Test, 6, 11-4 ..... Major Doyle 1
Mr. T. Donnelly's TULLYGOREY, 9, 11-7 ..... Sargeant 2
Mr. Keogh's LOVELY BIRD, 6, 11-0 F. B. Rees 3

(Off 3.50.) (Winner trained by Martin.)

Betting—11 to 8 agst. Lovely Bird, 7 to 4 TEST MATCH, 3 to 1 Tullygorey.

Won by five lengths; a bad third.

BETTING FORECAST.

CHELTENHAM.

1.0 Race—7 to 4 agst. Alcazar, 5 to 2 Square Dance, 7 to 2 Miss Micawber, 5 to 1 Daisy Cutter, 7 to 1 Ballinode, 8 to 1 each Snipe's Bridge and The Coiner, 10 to 1 any other.

1.30 Race—9 to 4 agst. Vishnu, 3 to 1 By Proxy, 5 to 1 Ben Beech, 6 to 1 Regicles, 7 to 1 Turbit, 8 to 1 each Glen Eagle and Bombproof, 10 to 1 each Divinity and Jack Role, 100 to 8 Jasper Flurry, 100 to 8 any other.

2.0 Race—5 to 4 agst. Hedu, 3 to 1 Hugh O'Neill, 4 to 1 Marchesi, 5 to 1 Dark Dragoon, 6 to 1 Mask Man, 7 to 1 Wellingate, 8 to 1 Dafur, 10 to 1 Rockmeadow.

2.30 Race—7 to 4 agst. The Bleeka, 5 to 2 Sandy, 7 to 2 Roman Hackle, 11 to 2 Reahills, 7 to 1 Buenasuerte, 8 to 1 each Bethersden Marble and Hymir, 10 to 1 each Donegal and Black Heart, 100 to 8 any other.

3.0 Race—2 to 1 agst. The Kiwi, 3 to 1 Sancroft, 9 to 2 Potheen, 5 to 1 Ilderton, 7 to 1 each Red Iron and Rousham, 8 to 1 each Perico and Aerolite, 10 to 1 each Muz and Manister Belle, 100 to 8 any other.

3.30 Race—5 to 4 agst. Jump for Joy, 5 to 2 Lancing, 9 to 2 Warrain, 6 to 1 Co-Optimist, 7 to 1 Ditchley, 10 to 1 Vambrace, 100 to 8 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

CHELTENHAM.

1. 0—Alcazar.
1.30—Regicles.
2. 0—Hugh O'Neill.
2.30—The Bleeka.
3. 0—Sancroft.
3.30—Warrain.
Double—Sancroft (nap) and Warrain.

A Student of Form.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Daily Mirror :—Double — Hugh O'Neill (nap) and Tullylost.

Daily News :—Double — Alcazar and Vishnu.

Daily Graphic :—Double — Ben Beoch and Red Iron.

Daily Express :—Double — Hugh O'Neill and The Bleeka. Safely bet—Hugh O'Neill.

Daily Chronicle :—Double — Vishnu and Sancroft (or Potheen). "To Beat the Book"—Sancroft (if absent, Potheen).

Westminster Gazette :—To-day's best — Sancroft. Double—The Bleeka and Sancroft.

Daily Mail :—Special selection—Sancroft.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. J. L. Ainsworth, trainer of Lowood and other horses, and a well-known sporting enthusiast, died in Devonshire yesterday.

Grandcourt and Psychology left Southampton on Friday by the White Star liner Corinthic for New Zealand. The horses, which are now owned by Mr. T. H. Lowry are going out for stud purposes.

The French Academy of Sports, which is considering the award of the annual prize of 10,000 francs, which goes to the French athlete who accomplishes the most remarkable sporting exploit during the year, will announce its decision within the next few days. Alain Gerbault, who sailed his 30ft. yacht across the Atlantic alone, and Sadi Lecointe, the prominent airman, are being given the greatest consideration (says the Paris "New York Herald"), while another in the race is Henri Pelissier, French national cycling champion.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Selling Handicap, Gatwick—Silvpins.
Purley Handicap Steeplechase, Gatwick, January 2nd—Jack Boore.
Hammerwood Steeplechase, Lingfield Park—Battledore.
All published handicaps except at Haydock Park—Artemesia.
All published handicaps—Village Lad.
Manchester and Cheltenham engagements—Gloriosa.
All engagements in Major Giles Loder's name—Dress Rehearsal, Luck's Way.
Cheltenham engagements—Greenogue.
All engagements — Splendare, Lemma, Count Macaronie.

CHELTENHAM.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME AND SELECTIONS.

Racing for the week opens at Cheltenham, where an attractive programme has been arranged. Quite good entries have been received, and doubtless fields will be well up to the average, in which case good sport should be enjoyed. There is no event of particular outstanding interest, but such races as the Cheltenham Amateurs' and Leckhampton Steeplechases will be keenly contested. Phaco, having incurred a penalty, will be unlikely to compete for the first-named event, in which case it would look good for Marchesi, for I cannot believe that the poor showing he made at Derby is anywhere near his true form, and prefer to stand on his earlier achievements. The Leckhampton Steeplechase may be won by either The Bleeka or Canopus, and at the weights I prefer the latter. Selections:—

Charlton Steeplechase—Alcazar.
Malvern Hurdle—Vishnu.
Amateurs' Steeplechase—Marchesi.
Leckhampton Steeplechase—Canopus.
Amateurs' Hurdle—Sancroft.
Evesham Hurdle—Agincourt.

[The figures in front of the names of the horses are an index to placings in their last three engagements—reading from right to left; (s) signifies started slowly.]

1.0—CHARLTON HANDICAP 'CHASE of £105. 3m.

033	SINGLECOTE (Mr. W. Smith)	J. Lyall	7	11
002	THE COINER (Mr. J. Hogan)	Hogan	8	11
122	DAISY CUTTER (Mr. R. Willett)	Hammond	9	11
120	MISS MICAWBER (Mrs. Walls) (The above have arrived.)	Newey	9	10
122	ALCAZAR (Mr. Mcalpine)	Poole	7	12
033	SQUARE DANCE (Mr. G. Thomson)	F. Brown	11	12
111	BALLINODE (12lb. ex.)	Mr. Bentley	11	12
010	SNIPE'S BRIDGE (Capt. R. Thompson)	Pease	7	11
101	MY ROYAL (Mr. C. Kenyon)	J. Dodd	12	11
001	WAVING PIN (Mr. C. Parish)	Powell	9	11
001	MANBY GATE (Sir M. McAlpine)	Poole	8	11
002	ASHWOOD (Ld. Londesborough)	H. Brown	9	11
221	PALM RING (Ld. Westmorland)	Westmorland	10	10
00	ARDVASAR (Maj. Green)	Hastings	10	10

1.30—MALVERN (S.) HANDICAP HURDLE of £100. 2 m.

010	KEOON BELLE (Mr. Morel)	Roberts	6	12
110	BOURBONNE (Mr. Bruton)	Piggott	6	12
123	DIVINITY (Mr. Cope)	Newey	5	11
114	BEN BEOCH (Mr. C. Russell)	Sheddon	10	11
000	KILNFORD (Col. E. Walker)	Newey	11	11
000	PAVOT (Capt. Darby Rogers)	D. Rogers	5	11
000	GRAMOPHONE (Mr. E. Merrell) (The above have arrived.)	Merrell	4	10
213	TURBIT (Maj. P. Moodie)	F. Brown	8	11
005	JACK ROLE (Mr. J. Golding)	Gilbert	8	11
000	NAVAN BOY (Mr. Bentley)	Luby	6	11
220	GREENCHESTERS (Mr. J. Lyall)	J. Lyall	6	11
300	GLANCE (Capt. J. Powell)	Powell	6	11
430	BY PROXY (Col. W. Anthony)	Anthony	5	11
021	VISHNU (Mr. Bentley)	Anthony	5	11
002	REGICLES (Mr. Parry)	Bullock	8	11
100	GLEN EAGLE (Mr. Edge)	Poole	6	11
000	CALL THE GAME (Mr. Brueton)	Barthropp	6	11
000	AQUATAMIA (Capt. McDougall)	Bletsoe	6	11
024	HOPEFUL II. (Maj. P. Moodie)	F. Brown	8	11
400	FLURRY (Mr. W. Stratton)	Stratton	14	11
100	DOUBLET (Air-Commodore Samson)	Woodland	8	11
000	WOODSIDE LAD (Mr. R. Jeffrey)	Earl	5	11
00	EDNA'S CHOICE (Miss Wharton)	Bedford	4	11
000	GRANARD BOY (Mr. Evans)	Stubbs	6	10
400	ARTEMESIA (Mr. C. Russell)	Sheddon	6	10
000	JAEDON (Ld. Denman)	Poole	7	10
000	JASPER (Mr. Cummins)	Newey	6	10
00	THE SQUIRE (Mr. C. Williams)	Hore	10	10
000	COCK EYE (Mr. Warner)	Burroughs	3	10

2-0—CHELTENHAM AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP 'CHASE of 200 sovs. 2m.

013	FAIR VIEW (Miss R. Black)	J. Wood	9	11
024	ORMSKIRK (Mr. Frankland)	A. Law	7	10
000	PAVOT (Capt. Rogers) (The above have arrived.)	D. Rogers	5	10
121	PHACO (12lb. ex.) (Ld. Westmorland)	Westmorland	8	13
120	MASK MAN (Mr. E. Platt)	Hartigan	8	12
104	MARCHESI (Mr. J. Barry)	D. Rogers	8	12
224	HEDU (Mr. H. Brown)	H. Brown	12	11
300	STORMAWAY (Mr. F. Hartigan)	Jackson	8	11
312	HUGH O'NEILL (Capt. R. Vivian)	Gore	6	11
004	LOCH AYLEN (Capt. R. Vivian)	Gore	12	11
31	WELLINGATE (Maj. P. Stedall)	Private	8	11
000	DAFUR (Mr. Beeby)	Newey	6	11
120	RED PEPPER II. (Mr. A. Knowles)	Knowles	6	11
344	DARK DRAGON (Mr. F. Groves)	Bletsoe	8	11
040	ROCKMEADOW (Mr. C. Creed)	Kirk	5	10

2.30—LECKHAMPTON NOVICES' 'CHASE of £200. 2 m. 100 yds.

0	[illegible] (Mr. S. Howard)	Newey	6	11
0	ELLENDUNE (Mr. W. Bankier)	Hastings	5	11
	PROUD LASS (Mr. G. Norton)	Drury	6	11
000	DON (Mr. T. Waiser) (The above have arrived.)	Hastings	4	10
	[illegible] (Mr. H. McNeill)	Poole	6	12
01	SANDY (Mr. Gilpin)	Hastings	8	12
010	ROMAN HACKLE (Mr. J. Lowry)	Hartigrop	5	11
	COXHILL (Mr. F. Brown)	F. Brown	4	11
002	WILD TIMES (Mr. H. Brown)	H. Brown	6	11
0	BUSH BUCK (Mr. H. Delmege)	Lusby	8	11
212	[illegible] (Mr. Mullen)	Morgan	5	11
300	FRUSCINO (Mr. W. Paul)	Canaday	7	11
210	AUSSAI (Mr. R. Jacobs)	F. Brown	8	11
003	SLOVENLY SAINT (Capt. E. Wood)	M. Jackson	6	11
013	BLACK HEART (Mr. Hamlyn)	Gordon	5	11
123	BUENASUERTE (Mr. G. Handa)	Saxby	5	11
00	RADIO REX (Maj. F. Moodie)	Kirk	6	12
000	CANOPUS (Mrs. D'A. Baker)	Martin	4	10
002	[illegible] (Mr. R. Hartigan)	Hartigan	4	10
033	BETHERSDEN MARBLE (Mr. Rodocanachi)	Powell	4	10
0	THE ZEALOT (Sir E. Wills)	De Winton	4	10

3.0—AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP HURDLE of £100. 2 m.

010	AEROLITE (Lady M. Kirk)	Kirk	6	12
110	RED IRON (Mr. J. Farrell)	Hatt	4	12
103	MAINSTER BELLE (Mr. E. Merrell)	Merrell	5	10
001	MABY SELBY (Mr. E. Berry)	Allopan	5	10
000	WALTON HEATH (Mr. A. Stringer) (The above have arrived.)	Drury	12	10
200	ASSAROE (Mr. S. Howard)	Newey	7	13
000	HALBERDIER (Ld. Denman)	Poole	7	13
003	SANCROFT (Mr. C. Thomson)	F. Brown	4	12
421	PAVILION (1.0) (c.) (Ld. Londesborough)	H. Brown	8	12
0	MAY KING (Capt. McDougal)	Bletsoe	4	12
340	DARK DRAGOON (Mr. F. Brown)	F. Brown	6	11
115	PERICO (Mrs. Stevens)	Stevens	6	11
104	MARCHESI (Mr. J. Barry)	D. Rogers	8	11
110	MASK MAN (Mr. Parker)	Parker	8	11
03	KIWI (Mr. C. Russell)	C. Piggott	8	11
000	MANISTER BRIDGE (Mr. Parkin)	Woodgate	9	11
031	ILDERTON (Mr. Tarsie)	Tarsie	6	11
02	CASHLIE (Sir E. Wills)	De Winton	6	11
033	BETHERSDEN MARBLE (Mr. Rodocanachi)	Powell	4	11
132	POLYBIUS (Capt. S. Powell)	Powell	4	11
330	FALSE REPORT (Mr. C. Mathews)	Powell	5	10
03	HAPPY (Maj. Barrett)	Barrett	5	11
000	TOILET (Mr. H. Harvey)	Smyth	5	10
002	ROUSHAM (Mr. Bletsoe)	Bletsoe	5	10
200	TORLIGNE (Mrs. M. Douglas)	Douglas	5	10
104	JIM LANGFORD (Mr. Clegg)	F. Brown	5	10

3.30—EVESHAM NOVICES' HURDLE of £100. 2 m.

040	MANISTER FIELD (Mr. Hardinge)	Hardinge	5	11
0	SET THE FIRST (Mr. E. Tauner)	Bullock	3	11
000	BARBARUS (Mr. Burropgha)	Burroughs	3	10
00	VAMBRACE (Mr. Green)	C. Piggott	3	10
003	LANCING (Mr. Savill) (The above have arrived.)	Savill	3	10
0	FLYING HERO (Mrs. F. Brown)	F. Brown	5	11
000	CO-OPTIMIST (Mr. J. Greason)	Anthony	5	11
00	VICTOR (Mr. Jedrey)	Earl	4	11
	BLACK MINER (Mr. Kenyon)	J. Dodd	5	11
	LOCH FYNE (Mr. Kenyon)	J. Dodd	4	11
054	TOWN BIRD (Mr. Methven)	Methven	4	11
0	TULLIUS (Mrs. Jackson)	Jackson	5	11
300	GRANDSON (Mr. Rawle)	R. Gordon	4	11
00	SETANTA (Mr. Davidson)	Hastings	4	11
0	CAMPUS (Mr. Cannon)	Cannon	4	11
0	PAULINUS (Miss Rodocanachi)	Powell	4	11
00	FOUR-POSTER (Sir E. Wills)	De Winton	4	11
540	DITCHLEY (Mr. F. Brown)	F. Brown	5	11
001	JUMP FOR JOY (Mr. H. Brown)	H. Brown	5	11
220	BULLY (Mrs. Robinson)	Woodman	3	10
200	AGINCOURT (Mr. G. Thomson)	F. Brown	3	10

THIS WEEK'S RACING FIXTURES.

IRELAND.

Tuesday—Baldoyle.

ENGLAND.

Monday—Cheltenham.
Tuesday and Wednesday—Manchester.
Wednesday and Thursday—Gatwick.
Friday and Saturday—Hurst Park.
Friday and Saturday—Haydock Park.

P.A. (SACKVILLE HALL) GYMNASIUM.

The above will resume work for the season at 16 St. Stephen's Green, to-morrow evening at 7.30.

RUGBY.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The heavy rainfall on Saturday left the football grounds in a dreadfully heavy state, and the only Senior games played were not productive of very high class football. There was the usual keen game between Wanderers and Lansdowne at Lansdowne road, and the latter team, continuing the improvement shown of late, won by 1 goal and 2 tries (11 points) to 1 goal (5 points). The other Senior game—that between Clontarf and Palmerston, played at Castle avenue—resulted in a scoreless draw.

LANSDOWNE (11) V. WANDERERS (5).

Unpleasant weather and the prospect of a mud-larking game notwithstanding, there was a fairly large attendance at Lansdowne road on Saturday to witness the game between Lansdowne and Wanderers. Not often was a match played under worse conditions as regards heavy ground and greasy ball. It was with difficulty the players kept their feet, and there were frequent cases of men falling without being touched by an opponent. To take the form as accurate under the circumstances would not be wise, but Lansdowne surmounted the difficulties better, and pulled off a well-deserved win by 1 goal and 2 tries (11 points) to 1 goal (5 points).

With the exception of the substitution of Behane for Saunderson as scrum worker for Wanderers, the sides turned out as picked. As usually happens when the ground is in this state, play for the most part remained in the worst part of the field, with the result that there were long periods of what could only be termed mud-larking. Lansdowne forwards, though the lighter lot, always held a slight pull over the Wanderers' eight, and when the opportunities arose they gave the backs the ball. The Lansdowne backs handled it in remarkably safe style considering its greasy state, and all three tries were got by back movements. Harris, Hogan, Robertson, and Randel all did very fine work under difficulties, and Crawford, a master hand at suiting himself to conditions, was as helpful as ever. The forwards, who seem to improve in every match, were all genuine triers, Whitty, A. Pike, T. Pike, and Browne being the pick.

Wanderers' forwards, who were led by Collis, had some fine loose rushes in the second half, but on the whole, were not as clever or as well trained as Lansdowne, while the backs were poor by comparison, their best work being in defence. Collis, England, Potterton and Bardon were prominent all through. Watson, at wing three-quarter, did a lot of stopping in the first half, and Kennedy and Poff were also sturdy defenders, while Imrie did not once let the side down. Bohane, who usually plays outside half for the second team, made the best of his strange position, but was, of course, not a good substitute for Saunderson, who would have countered the conditions better. Cherry at out-half was moderate.

Lansdowne forced play to the Wanderers 25 early, and passing between Hogan and McSweeney was stopped by Kennedy. Good tackling again kept the Lansdowne backs in check, and the heavy ball proved too much for Crawford when presented with a chance of landing a penalty goal. After this there was a lot of forward play near the centre, where the ground was exceptionally sticky, and the play was of a fluky, haphazard order. Lansdowne forwards generally had slightly the better of the argument. Watson frequently came to the rescue of Wanderers with good kicking and running to touch, and later Halpin pulled up a dangerous rush of the Lansdowne forwards, led by Whitty, Browne, and Healy. A ball by Hogan was stopped by Imrie, and Collis leading a rush of Wanderers forwards brought play back to mid-field. A useful kick by Crawford gave Lansdowne the upper hand again. The Wanderers defence held out until a misunderstanding between Imrie and Poff let Hogan kick over the line, and Scales, following up scored a try, which Crawford converted. Lansdowne returned to the attack immediately, and Harris was almost over. Later, from a scrimmage, Randel sent to Robertson, who quickly transferred to Hogan, the latter dashing in for a smart try, but Crawford could not improve with the kick, and Lansdowne led at the interval by 8 points to nil.

The second half opened well for Lansdowne. Wanderers backs were breaking away when Hogan charged down a kick, and, picking up, ran to Imrie before transferring to Harris, who had no difficulty about scoring a try at the corner, which Crawford could not improve upon. Though now eleven points in arrears Wanderers were by no means done with, and their forwards had many good movements. From one of these Bardon scored, and Kennedy landed a goal. The game took on a more interesting character, both sides seeming to master the conditions better. There were some good passing bouts by Lansdown which were met by fine defensive play by Wanderers. Hogan and Harris were frequently prominent, and Kennedy's kicking helped Wanderers. Continuing to beat the Wanderers pack in the tight, Lansdowne forwards kept their side on top to the end. Result:—

Lansdowne—1 goal 2 tries (11 points).
Wanderers—1 goal (5 points).

Teams:—

Wanderers—A. S. Imrie; F. S. Poff, D. Kennedy, J. Whitty, Rev. R. H. Watson, F. Bohane, J. Cherry, C. Ackland, H. R. Bardon, R. Collis, S. Darling, A. J. England, C. Hillyard, N. Potterton (capt.), D. T. Young.

Lansdowne—W. A. Crawford; V. Harris, S. Hogan, D. McSweeney, H. Scales; F. Randel, D. Robertson; W. Brown, B. Cairnduff, L. Healy, J. McEnery, E. Pemberton, A. Pike, T. Pike, P. Whitty.

Referee—Mr. W. A. Daish.

MUNSTER SENIOR LEAGUE.

DOLPHINS WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Dolphin, who played a drawn game against University College, Cork, at the Mardyke, Cork, on Saturday, in the last match of this season's Munster Senior League, won the championship, gaining 13 points out of a total of 16.

GARRYOWEN (5) v. UNITED GALWAY (0).

United Galway travelled to Limerick on Saturday, and played Garryowen in the Markets Field. The weather was unfavourable, and the ground soft and holding. The game, however, was well contested, but was mostly confined to the forwards, who were well balanced. In the opening stages Galway showed up well, but failed to score, and a hard-fought opening half came to an end with the score sheet blank. Towards the end of the second half Guinan scored a try for Garryowen, which was converted. Result:—

Garryowen—1 goal (5 points).
United Galway—Nil.

LONDON U.C.S. ON TOUR.

PARIS, Sunday.

The match played to-day between a London U.C.S. Boys' team and the Racing Club of Rouen resulted in a draw of 6 points all.

OTHER DUBLIN RESULTS.

	Points.		Points.
Clontarf	0	Palmerston	0
R. and S.P.U.	3	Clontarf 2nd	0
Clontarf 3rd	3	Palmerston 3rd	0
Clontarf "A"	11	Palmerston 3rd "A"	0
Lansdowne 2nd	12	Wanderers	5
Belvedere College (S.C.T.)	39	Monkstown 3rd "A"	3

BELFAST GAMES.

ULSTER SENIOR LEAGUE.

N.I.F.C.	13	Instonians	8
Collegians	9	Malone	3

ULSTER JUNIOR CUP.

Donaghadee	4	Coleraine	0

ULSTER MATCHES.

North of Ireland	13	Instonians	8
Collegians	9	Malone	3
Donaghadee	4	Coleraine	0

CROSS-CHANNEL RESULTS.

RUGBY UNION.

	Points.		Points.
Harlequins	29	The Army	10
Cardiff	25	Blackheath	0
Pontypool	12	Bath	4
Birkenhead Park	3	Gloucester	5
Llanelly	22	Racing Club de France	5
Leicester	24	Neath	6
Newport	12	Swansea	0
Glasgow High School	14	Watsonians	0
Manchester	13	Northampton	0
Newton Abbot	5	Bridgwater	0
Moseley	7	Liverpool	3
Llanelly	22	Gloucester	5
Cheltenham	10	Cheltenham	6
Birmingham	6	Abertillery	0
Swansea	12	Bristol	3
London Welsh	22	Metropolitan Police	3
Aberavon	9	Bridgend	8
Cardiff Arms	0	Penygraig	3
Plymouth Albion	19	Rosslyn Park	3
Guy's Hospital	11	Tonbridge "A"	0
Catford Bridge "A"	26	Old Alleynians	0
O.M.T.	17	London Scottish	3
Fettesian-Lorettonians	19	Richmond	3
Siemens "A"	24	Sidcup "B"	3

NORTHERN UNION.

Barrow	41	St. Helens	8
Dewsbury	16	Wigan Highfield	5
Huddersfield	47	Hull Kingston Rovers	8
Hunslet	8	Keighley	6
Oldham	17	Widnes	0
Salford	17	Halifax	10
St. Helen's Rec.	23	Featherstone Rovers	13
Swinton	14	Leeds	0
Warrington	19	Batley	0
Wigan	5	Broughton Rangers	0
Leigh	9	Hull	3

ALLIED CLUBS' DOG SHOW.

In the list of awards at the Allied Clubs' Dog Show published in our issue of 27th inst., Mr. J. R. M'Donald's Airedale terrier, Jock of Orme, should have been given as reserved in both the graduate dog or bitch class and the limit dog class.

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—December.	Meet.	Hour.
To-day	Balcoath	1.30
January.		
Wednesday, 2	10-Mile Bush	1.30
Saturday, 5	Kilfree	1.30

THE MEATH.

To-day	Dunderry Park	11.0
January.		
Wednesday, 2	Robertstown Cross	11.0
Friday, 4	Kilmoon	11.0
Saturday,

FINANCIAL NEWS

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

The following is a full report of the business done on the Dublin and Belfast Stock Exchanges last week in each department, except Corporation and War Loans. The day on which the business was done is indicated by the initial letter in parentheses, and dealings on odd lots are marked by an asterisk :—

DUBLIN.

Land—85½ (Th.), 85¼ (F.).
Land Act Stock—85¾ (Th.), 85¾ (F.).
Bank—86½ (F.).
Land Loan Bank—6⅛ c (Th.), 6 20 (Th.), 20 (F.).
Bank—22½ (F.).
Ord.—18½ (F.).
Guar.—55 (Th.).
Ord.—61¼ (Th.).
Pref.—60 (F.).
Deb.—69 x.d. (F.).
Ord.—47½ (F.).
Guar.—58b. (F.).
Deb.—68½ x.d. (F.).
Ord.—*35½ (Th.), 35 (F.).

Gas Deb.—64 (F.).
Pref.—75½ (Th.).
Ord.—65¼ (Th.).
American Tobacco—100/- (F.).
Pref.—23/9 (F.).
—60/- (F.).
—11 (Th.).
Ord.—20/- (Th.).
Pref.—*71/- (F.).
Ord.—6½ (Th.).
Pref.—9½ (F.).
"A" Deb.—*68 (Th.).
"B" Deb.—*68¼ (Th.).
Market—5⅛ (Th.).
—5½ (F.).
—46/3 (Th.).
—8½ (Th.), 38½ 9 8⅛ (F.).
Pref.—11½ (F.).
—*17/9 (F.).
"A" Pref.—14/3 (Th.).
"B" Pref.—70/3 (Th.) 69/1½ 9/- (F.).
Tobacco—20/9 (Th.).
Pref.—20/4½ x.d. (F.).
—41½ (Th.), 41¾ (F.).
—5/6 (Th.).
Eagle—18/- (F.).
Pref.—21½ (F.).
Trust Ord.—1/6 (F.).
Corp. Gen.—18/6 (F.).
Sup. Pref.—18/- (F.).
—76 10½ (Th.), 78/9 (F.).
Long Rubber—1/9 (F.).

c—Cash. b—Bid. a—Asked.

BELFAST.

Harbour Commissioners 3½ p.c.—74 (Th.).
Corporation 5½ p.c.—102½ (F.).
3½ p.c. Mortgages—104½ (F.).
Banking Bank—17⅞ (Th.), 17⅞ (F.).
Bank—8½ (F.).
and Co. Down Rly. 5 p.c. Guar.—95½b (F.).
Northern Rly. Stock—61¼ (Th.), 61¼ (F.).
4 p.c. Pref.—61 (F.).
Ironwork—90 (M.), 90 (F.).
and Co.—11 (F.).
Tobacco—69 (F.).
Distillery 5 p.c. Cum. Pref.—4½ (Th.).
Lodlie, Ferguson and Co.—6¼ (F.).
Tomkins, and Courage's Ord.—25/3 (Th.).
Pref. Shares Guaranteed Co. 6 p.c. Pref.—10 (F.).

a—Asked. b—Bid.

BIRMINGHAM MOTOR SHARE MARKET.

The closing quotations :—Alldays and Onions, Ord., 2/9; do. "B" Pref., 3/3; do. 5 p.c., 1/9; do. 4th Debs., 50/-; Belsize Motors, 1/9; Birmingham Small Arms, 9/10½; Bowden Brake, 9/10½; Brotherhood, 49/6; Bowden Brake, 9/10½; Clyno Engineering, 15/9; Brolt, 4/-; Brooks (J. B.), 3/-; Calcott Bros., 38/9; Calthorpe Invest., 4/3; Carbodies Motor, 1/3; Components, 4/-; Coventry Climax Engines, 25/-; Cressley Motors, 4/6; Dennis Bros., 25/-; Enfield Cycle, 21/3; Fodens, 22/-; Guy Motors, 3/6; Halford Cycle, 55/9; Halley's Motor, 2/-; Harper Bean, 1/3; Harper Motor Invest., 22/5; Hudson Pref., 15/6; James Cycle, 23/4½; Jevons Motor, 2/9; Leyland Rubber, 1/-; Lucas (Tes.), 43/6; Maudsley, 7/6; Napier Motors, 14/1½; Rudge Whitworth, 14/-; Rubery Owen (Engineering), 7/-; Rolls Royce, 23/-; Saml. Heath, 1/3; Siddeley Deasy Motor Components, 4/-; Singer and Co., 23/9; Smith (S.) and Sons (Motor Accessories), 3/10½; Stepney Spare Wheel, 9/4; Stevens (A. J.), 22/7½; Straker Squire, 9d.; Swift, 6/-; do. Pref., 9/9; Triumph, 2/-; Vandervell (C. V.) and Co. Pref., 4/10; Vauxhall Motors, 6/-; Vulcan Motor, 2/6; Wolseley Motor Pref., 7/6; Wrigley (E. G.), 6d.; Dunlop Rubber, 8/3; do. "A" Pref., 15/1½; do. "B" Pref., 14/9; Parent Tyre Ord., 14/-; do. Pref., 21/3; do. Defd., 2½-; Tyre Investment, 6/6.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

BRITISH CONTROLLED OILFIELDS.—The fourth balance sheet of the British Controlled Oilfields (Ltd.) for the year ending July 31st, 1923, shows that the expenditure during the twelve months was 870,005 dollars for development and exploration, an increase of 386,342 dollars over last year's figures. Sundry creditors are reduced by 307,758 dollars, while the items "loans from subsidiary company" ceases to be a liability with the acquisition of the Costa Rica concessions. Cash at bankers and in hands is 235,138 dollars, and investments in British Government Securities ("C" Treasury Bonds, 1930) are 733,326 dollars. The working of the Costa Rica concessions, which is the most valuable asset of the company, is stated to be a liability with the following qualification :—"The Costa Rica concession is treated as a loss. A new item, "loans to investment in Central Costa Rica Petroleum Co., being to annulment of concession," appears at 758,460 dollars. Calls in arrear figure at 723,697 dollars, of which, however, 468,935 dollars had been paid at November 30th, 1923, the date of the balance sheet. The meeting was held in Montreal on December 27th, and report adopted. Copies of the report are now available for distribution by the Secretary, 5 Georgeta, London, E.C.5.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTRIC RAILWAY.—Dividend for half-year on 5 per cent. Cumulative Perpetual Preference Stock at rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

BROUGHTON COPPER.—Interim dividend at rate of 5 per cent. per annum, less tax, on Ordinary for half-year.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.—Statement of earnings and expenses as received by us for Second Week of November :—Gross earnings, 1,244,000 dollars; increase, 823,000 dollars; working expenses, 16,134,000 dollars; increase, 1,000 dollars; net earnings, 6,110,000 dollars; increase, 382,000 dollars.

FROST BROTHERS.—Dividend of 5 per cent., free of tax, on Ordinary for year.

HEAD, WRIGHTSON AND CO.—Interim dividend of 4 per cent., free tax, on Ordinary.

INDO CHINA OILFIELDS.—Report for the year to March 31 last states that in view of the work on its Yenangyaung Oilfield sixty leasehold sites on that field have been given up. On account of pumping indication an application has been made for 40 grants for the preservation of prospecting rights on Yenanma field at an adjoining 48 square miles. Production for year to October 31 last totalled 52,170 barrels, being a large production report is being sold to Burmah Oil Company, and refinery has been shut down.

LONDON MLM.—Profit of London Film Company to 30th September was £24,054, reducing debit balance brought forward to £31,287.

MIDLAND TRUST.—Interim dividend of 2½ per cent., less tax on Ordinary.

OVERSEAS MORTGAGE COMPANY.—8 per cent. annual dividend.

RIO CLARO RAILWAY.—It is proposed to provide the present capital stock into Preference and Ordinary stock in the proportion of 60 per cent. Preference and 40 per cent. Ordinary for each £100 of existing stock. The Preference stock to be cumulative as to dividend and preferential to capital. The directors recommend a final dividend of 3½ per cent. on the Ordinary stock, making 5½ per cent. for the year—the same as for previous year—leaving to be carried forward £4,635.

TOBACCO OF RHODESIA.—Accounts for year to 30th June, 1923, show loss of £5,037 after writing down value of debt by £1,000. In addition, it has been decided, in view of sale of bulk of African Tobacco Manufacturers, to write off sum of 6/6 per share in respect of 68,280 of such shares held. As result of this sale the company will receive £532 owing to it by the African Tobacco Manufacturers.

UNITED AUTOMOBILE SERVICES.—Dividend of 2½ per cent., free of tax, for the year.

W. ARROTT AND SONS.—Further dividend on Ordinary of 4/- per share.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Official returns of 34 of the principal tramway undertakings in the United Kingdom, as published in "The Tramway and Railway World," for the week ended December 15, give total receipts of £56,895, or £15,515 less than in the corresponding week of last year. The total length of track included in the returns was 1,548 miles. Receipts per mile were at the rate of £172 12s. 10d. per week of single track, and last year at the rate of £210 18s. 2d., thus showing a decrease for the week of £7 19s. 4d. per mile open.

Gas Stocks and Shares have shown a tendency to strengthen during the greater part of this year, while this tendency was more marked in the last few months, and there has been a general drop in prices towards the end of the year, which may be attributed in some measure to the uncertainty of the political situation, it may be confidently stated that the position of Gas Stocks and Shares generally is such as to render them investments of an even more attractive character than they were three months ago. Given freedom from strife, the omens are bright, whether viewed from the political or the commercial point of view. The revival of the industry is ever rising in quality, and therein lies its best hope of further progress. The total annual make of gas in the British Isles during 1922 was 365,297 million c. ft. The figure obtained from this year's returns is 369,603 million, an increase of 4,506 million c. ft. The total number of consumers in the British Isles last year was 8,156,950. This year the figure has increased to 8,406,178—an increase of 239,169.

COMPANY NOTICES.

BRITISH CONTROLLED OILFIELDS, LIMITED.

British Controlled Oilfields, Limited, announce that the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the company was held in Montreal on the 27th December, 1923. The balance sheet, as at 31st July, 1923, submitted at this meeting, together with the general report covering the year 1923, is now available for distribution.

Shareholders are hereby notified that copies of the Balance Sheet and Report may be obtained on application to the Secretary, 5 Georgeta, London, E.C.5.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

INTENSIFIED ACTIVITY IN LOANS.

So far as loans were concerned, Saturday was an active day in Lombard street, where the one desire was to cover the requirements of money over the end of the year. Unexpectedly, some of the banks were withdrawing funds on a large scale, which increased the tension so that a big sum was borrowed from the Bank for a period of nine days and over at the rate of 4½ p.c. Loans until Monday were obtainable on nominal terms down to 1½ per cent., and some old fixtures were renewed for a week at 3½-3¾ p.c., while 4 p.c. and more was paid for accommodation just into January.

Bank Rate (as announced, January 5, 1923, 4%.

	Selling	Buying
30 Days (Bill)	3⅜	3¼
3 months	3⅜	3¼
4 months	3⅜	3¼
6 months	3½	3⅜

Loans to brokers day-to-day 3½
" for a week 3½
Deposit allowed by Banks at call 2
" Discount houses, at call 2
" at notice 2¼

Trade 4 4¼
" 4¼ 4⅜
" 4⅜ 4½
" 4½ 4⅝
" 8 9

Under such conditions business was naturally restricted in discounts. Fine three months' Bank bills were quoted 3¼ p.c. easy, Fine trade paper being 3⅜ p.c., and the new Treasuries 3¼ p.c. The selling rate for supplementary Treasury bills on sale this week has been fixed at 2¼ p.c. discount compared with 3 p.c.

In the absence of business silver was quoted ½d. lower at 33½d. per ounce for spot and 32½d. for forward delivery.

In the foreign exchange market sterling on New York sagged to 4.33⅜ dollars, but francs, after being offered up to 85.20 to the pound, recovered to 84.68, Belgian francs closing at 96.50 after 97.20. Italian lires were a little better at 90½, and marks remained nominal at 18-20 billions to the pound. There was a further improvement in Dutch florins, which touched 11.37, and closed at 11.39½ for the pound. Greek drachmæ were not so firm at 205, while Swiss francs appreciated to 24.79. Norwegian kromers gave way to 29.58.

Among South American exchanges Brazilian milreis kept firm, but Argentine and Chilian rates were weaker. In the Eastern market rupees relapsed to 1s. 5½-16d., and Japanese yen to 2s. 1½d. The following are closing quotations :—

—	December 29.	December 28.	Normal Rate.
Alexandria	97⅛	97⅛	97⅛/16
Amsterdam	11.39½ 11.40	11.42 11.44¼	12.10
B. Ayres	39⅛ 39⅛	39⅞ 40	47.69
Barcelona	33.44	33.40	25.22
Berlin	18-20 billions	18¾ billions	20.40
Bombay	1/5⅛ 1/5¾	1/5⅛ 1/5⅞	2/0
Brussels	96.45 96.55	95.60 95.70	25.22½
Calcutta	1/5⅛ 1/5¾	1/5⅛ 1/5⅞	2/0
Christiania	29.58 29.60	29.40 29.45	19.15
Copenhagen	24.43 24.47	24.46 24.47	19.15
Cheefoo-Hker	144⅛ 146	144⅛ 146	47.69
Finland	175½ 176	175¾ 176	25.22½
Greece	200 210	202 212	25.22½
Hong Kong	2/3⅞ 2/4⅞	2/3⅞ 2/4⅞	2
Hungary	90,000 94,000	90,000 95,000	—
Italy	99¾ 100	99⅞ 100⅛	25.22½
Lisbon	1⅞ 1⅜	1⅛ 1⅞	53/4d.
Madrid	33.43 33.45	33.30 33.35	25.22½
Mexico	26⅝d	26⅝d	24½d.
Montreal	4.44⅜ 4.44¾	4.45⅛ 4.46⅛	4.86
Montevideo	42¾ 43¼	42¾ 43¼	81d.
New York	4.33⅛ 4.33¾	4.34⅛ 4.35⅛	4.86
Paris	84.65 84.70	83.55 83.65	25.22
Poland	27,000,000 sellrs	26,500,000	—
Shanghai	5/4 5/5	5/4 5/5	10d.
Roumania	840 860	850 855	—
Stockholm	2/3⅞ 2/4⅛	2/3¾ 2/4¼	—
Singapore	2/4½	2/4¼	2/4⅛
Stockholm	16.38 16.40	16.45 16.47	18.15
Switzerland	24.79	24.87 24.89	25.22
Valparaiso	40.10	39.90	18.33
Vienna	305,000 312,000	307,000 312,000	—
Yokohama	2/1⅛ 2/1⅛	2/1⅛ 2/1⅛	24.

PRICES OF RECENT ISSUES.

Australia 5 p.c. (ty. pd.), 100-4. Bournemouth and Poole Electricity Supply, £21 Ord., 1/9-9/3 pm. Buchanan-Dewar 6 p.c. Pref., 19/9-20/6; do. Ord., 4½-4¾. City of Auckland (£25 pd.), 2½-1¼ dis. City and South London 4½ p.c. Second Debs. (£50 pd.), 2½-2 dis. "Daily Mail" Trust 7 p.c. Debs. (£60 pd.), 4 dis.-¼ pm. Denaby and Cadeby Main Collieries 6 p.c. Debs., 98-9. Finland 6 p.c. (£40 pd.), 3½ dis. Lancashire Electric Light and Power Ord. (1)/- pd. -9/-1/3 pm.; do. 7 p.c. Pref. (3)/3 pd., 2/6-3/- pm. London Electric Ely. 4½ p.c. Second Debs. (£50/4 pd.), 2½-2 dis. Mexican 4 p.c. (ty. pd.), 83¼. Nigeria 4 p.c. 1 and O. 5 p.c. Debs. (£58 pd.), 2-1 dis. Quebec Power "A" 6 p.c. Debs. (ty. pd.), 101-2. South Africa 5 p.c., 99½-¾. South Australia 5 p.c. (£19 pd.), 2-1¼ dis. South-East Electric Power Board 5 p.c. Debs. (ty. pd.), 99½-9. South Manchurian Railway 5 p.c. Bonds (ty. pd.), 84½-5. Tampiln 7½ p.c. "B" Pref. (12/6 pd.), 12/12/6. Tasmania 5 p.c. (£19 pd.), 4½ dis. Tata Power 4½ p.c. Debs. (£47 pd.), 5-3 dis.; do. 7½ p.c. Debs. (£10 pd.), 5-3 dis.

TRAFFICS.

Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway—Week to December 22, Rs.2,418,000; increase Rs.181,000. Assam Bengal Railway—Week to November 24, Rs.300,000; increase Rs.10,972. Buenos Ayres-Lacroze Tramways—Week to December 23, $14,667; decrease, $663. B.A. Central Railway—Week to December 23, £13,484; increase, £1,937. Paraguay Central Railway—Week to December 22, £3,390; increase, £1,096.

DUBLIN WEEKLY TRADE REPORT.

Trading in miscellaneous avenues of commerce is still confined to rather narrow limits under, more or less, holiday influences. As reflected from the other side of the Channel, there are indications in several industrial connections of an appreciable revival in business and manufacturing output, and an optimistic feeling exists in expert circles that a steady improvement will be maintained, and generally extended in leading industries in the near future. Already official returns show that considerable numbers of workers have been absorbed from unemployed lists. The raw material markets, European at present, and overhead expenses in production may be serious problems to reckon with. It is hoped that renewed activity will soon be manifest at this side.

EXPORTS OF PORTER.

Messrs. A. Guinness, Son and Co.'s shipments of porter from Dublin, as entered by the Customs daily shipping lists for the past week, were :—

	Butts.	Hhds.	Brls.	Hf. Brls.	Qr. Brls.
Corresponding week's shipments for previous three years	999	7,224	264	259	—
1922...	1,993	15,591	620	515	125
1921...	889	7,209	125	191	10
1920...	2,878	15,522	435	2,828	20

The above week's exports are equal to 2,386 hhds. for 1922, as against 20,169 hhds. for 1921, 6,136 hhds. for 1921, and 22,176 hhds. for 1920.

The following quantities of porter were also shipped from Dublin by the various firms named, as returned by the Customs daily shipping lists, for the week ending December 29th, 1923 :—

	Bls.	Hhds.	Brls.	Brls.	Hf. Brls.	Qr. Brls.	Total
Watkins	—	36	111	328	28	224	
Jameson & Co.	—	3	8	11	—	—	
Brewery Co.	—	12	2	2	1	14	
D'Arcy & Son	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total	—	48	113	330	29	238	

Corresponding week's shipments for previous three years :—

	Bls.	Hhds.	Brls.	Brls.	Hf. Brls.	Qr. Brls.	Total
1922	—	57	121	277	20	238	
1921	—	62	117	292	25	257	
1920	—	19	36	186	6	107	

EXPORTS OF WHISKEY.

The quantities of whiskey exported from Dublin, as returned by the Customs daily shipping lists and bills of entry, for the week ending December 29th, 1923, were as follows :—Jameson & Co., 1,000 gallons; Dublin Distillers Co., Ltd., 210 gallons; others, 48 gallons.

Corresponding week's shipments for the previous three years :— Pns. Butts. Hhds. Brls. Qr.-Cks. Cases. Kegs.

1922	—	—	9	10	4	—
1921	—	3	15	6	1	—
1920	—	1	11	27	11	1

FOREIGN IMPORTS.

Direct foreign arrivals at Ports of Dublin last week :—Imported from Hamburg—38,484 bags salt, 1,190 bags sugar, 2,000 cs. merchandise, 430 cks. asphalt, 600 pkgs. wooden battens, 10,550 cks. deals, 1,590 pkgs. boards, 4 cs. accordeons, 25 cs. talking machines, 4 cs. alarm clocks. From New York—Large miscellaneous cargo, comprising dental cream, clocks, watches, candles, flour, Quaker Oats, oatmeal, hops, tomato catsup, confectionery, Sloan's Linament. From Rotterdam—1,000 bags middlings, 2,500 bags sugar, 700 cs. condensed milk, 1,212 bags onions, 1,030 cs. mineral waters. From Antwerp—2,000 bags potash salt. From Portland (Oregon) and San Francisco—4,000 tons wheat, 3,182 cases canned fruit, etc. From Ghent—680 tons basic slag. From Bremen—1,470 bags salt, 417 bales paper, 255 bags wire nails, 449 pkgs. washboards. From Greenock—4,000 bags kamit, 167 bales paper, 600 bags salt, 1 cs. motor horns. From cross-Channel ports 15,958 tons of coal arrived per 41 colliers.

LIVERPOOL MEAT IMPORTS.

During the past week six steamers landed cattle, sheep and lamb carcases, pork and fresh beef at Liverpool from overseas ports. The vessels, with their freights, were as follow :—The Oronsian, from Portland, with 909 cattle; the Monticalm, from St. John, with 800 packages and 850 carcases of pork and 5,943 packages of meat; La Rosarina, from Buenos Ayres, with 9,809 sheep and lambs carcases, 223 boxes of beef, and 50,648 quarters of beef; the Laconia, from New York, with 2,500 boxes of pork and 772 boxes of meat; the Winifredian, from New York, with 4,599 boxes of pork and 1,488 boxes of meat; and the Plako, from New Zealand, with 1,840 sheep and lamb carcases, 4,842 packages of meat and 4,937 quarters of beef, making a total of 809 cattle, 11,342 sheep and lamb carcases, 7,599 boxes, etc., and 950 carcases of pork, 10,766 boxes of meat, and 55,626 quarters of beef. Compared with the arrivals of the preceding week these figures show an increase of 809 cattle and 421 quarters of beef, and a decrease of 18,454 sheep and lamb carcases, 1,727 packages and carcases of pork, and 468 boxes of meat.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, will be held at the School-house, to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Breakfast will be served at 8.30.

PRODUCE AND FOOD.

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC, Saturday.—WHEAT.—Cargo market firm, and sellers resolved not to accept less than previous week's prices, while a moderate demand prevailed: No. 1 Northern Manitoba, prompt sellers 45/3, January 44/9, No. 2 ditto January 43/6, Argentine Dessaux, prompt 43/6, January-February 43/6, Roumis 54/6m, January-February 43/6, Ghirka 54/6m, January-February 43/6, Kubanka 54/6m, January-February 43/6, Barusso 53½/6m, January-February 44/6, Azima 54/6m, January-February 44/6, Pamuk 54/6m, January-February 44/6, Pamuk firmer, No. 1 Northern Manitoba, prompt sellers 44½, No. 2 ditto 44½, January-February sellers 44½, Argentine Dessaux, prompt 45½, Roumis 53½m, January-February 44/-, Ghirka 53½m, January-February 44/-, Pamuk 53½m, January-February 44/-, per 480lbs. Cif. terms firmer, No. 1 Northern Manitoba, prompt 44½, No. 2 ditto 44½, January-February sellers 44½, Argentine Dessaux, prompt 45½, Roumis

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LOT 1.—Part of the Lands of Shanganagh, containing 9 roods, Statute measure, or thereabouts, held under lease dated 9th December, 1862, for a term of 900 years from the 1st November, 1862, at the moderate annual rent of £12 13s. 0d. There are 15 Cottages on this Lot, which produce a gross annual rental of £78. There is also a Plot, the estimated letting value of which is £5 per annum. Total Poor Law Valuation of this Lot, £25 0s. 0d.

LOT 2.—Other Part of the Lands of Shanganagh, containing 1 rood, Statute measure, or thereabouts, held under lease dated 9th December, 1862, for a term of 900 years from the 1st of November, 1862, at the nominal annual rent of £4 4s. 0d. There is a Shop and Dwellinghouse and 10 Cottages on this Lot, which produce a gross rental of £79 0s. 0d. per annum. Total F.L.V. of this Lot, £28 10s. 0d.

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Knitted Sponge Cloths, very soft and spongy. For washing dishes, floors, etc. Sale Price, each, 4½d., 3½d., 2½d., and ..... 1½D.

Floor Cloths, extra heavy strong scrubbing Regular Price, 4½d. Sale Price, each.... 2½D.

Crash Roller Towels. For hard everyday use. Extra good value. Each 1/11½

Bordered Crash Roller Towels. Makes a reliable roller for kitchen use. Each 2/6½

Striped Turkish Roller Towels. Exceedingly absorbent, and wonderfully durable. Two qualities. Each ..... 2/6½ 2/11½ and .....

White Huckaback Roller Towels. Ideal for use in Hotels, Clubs, Restaurants, etc., etc. Each 4/11½

BLANKETS, RUGS, DOWN QUILTS, &c.

Special Sale Offer of Pure All Wool Blankets. Full single bed size. Each pair shipped in singles. Regular Price, 8/11. Price, each 5/11

Same Blanket as above for Double Beds. Each 9/9

"Eolanco," All Wool Witney Blankets. Every pair thoroughly scoured. Blue borders, fancy stripes, each 13/11

Lighter quality, with blue and dark grounds, each 14/11

Fancy Day Shirts, newest designs, each, 3/11 and 5/6

Heavy all wool Shirts, fast colours, underarm, and made in medium weight Pyjamas, in splendid bold stripes, each 9/11

Do. in heavy all wool 21/-

Army Cardigans, last of Government stocks, each 8/11

A few odds and ends in all wool Cardigans, to clear at greatly reduced prices.

24 Flannelette Quilts, in heavy quality, each 6/11

Odd sizes in Dungaree and Pants, mostly blue, each .....

Linen Aprons, made from heavy Government linen, white, and brown, each 2/11½

Waterproof Aprons, full size, fawn .....

Dancing Shoes for Men. Court shape, pair 9/11

Exceptionally good lines in Men's Boots and Shoes. Sizes will be cleared at half, but not are 5½ per cent. under actual value.

Motor Cycling Leggings, Government material, waterproof, pair 8/11

Better qualities, pair. 17/11 and.....

Waterproof Motor Cycling Suits, each 59/11 and 29/11

Leather Jerkins, wool lined, each 10/11

Waterproof Ground Sheet Capes, very useful for all kinds of outdoor wear, each 3/11

Government Ground Sheets, 10' x 6', 23/6; 6' x 5' 5/11

13/6; 6' x 3' .....

Black Oilskin Cover, 6' x 6', each 15/11

Leather Leggings, laced or buckled, in both black and brown, made from selected pigskin, etc. Pair, 19/11 to .....

Heather Vests, with sleeves. Each, 29/11 and 27/11

Suit Cases in Fibre, lined with eight stamped corners, two nozzel sliding lever locks. Each, 25" and 28" 9/11; 22" and 24" 7/11

Heavy Solid Hide Suit Cases, nut brown colour, plain or capped corners, 24" 45/11; 22" 37/6

30/6, and 20" .....

Green and Brown Cabin Trunks, with 3 or 4 battens, with tray attached, exceptionally strong make, 32/11; 33". 29/11. 27/6 and 30" .....

All Wool Army Grey Socks. Pair .....

Khaki Socks, extra quality. Pair .....

Immense variety of Black and Fancy Coloured Socks at very tempting prices.

Riding Breeches, best make and finish. Originally imported for British Government. Pair 25/11, 22/11, and 28/11

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Wool and Cotton Day Shirts, neat stripes, each 7/11

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Worth 18/11.

Charming and Artistic Bedspreads, in White and Ecru Grounds beautifully printed. Very clean-looking, and will create a bright, cheerful look to any bedroom. Double Bed Size. Prices, each 19/11 from 55/9 to .....

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Coloured Alhambra Quilts, very useful and hard-wearing quality; hemmed ready for use, in Red, Blue, Pink, Green and Gold. 6/11 Each .....

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Special Sale offer—White Union Glass or Tea Cloths. Regular Price, 5½d. Each. 3D.

Check Glass Towels, very absorbent, sold in quantities to hotels and restaurants. Sale Price, each ..... 6½D.

All Linen Trilled Kitchen Cloths, wonderfully absorbent, and an easy washer, extra good value. Regular price, 1/6½. Sale Price, 1/0½ each .....

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Strong White Twill Sheets, a stout make, that will wash and wear splendidly. Size 2 x 2½. Pair.... 18/11

"Robanco" Sheets, very heavy, made from hard-wearing American cotton. Recommended for hard wear, plain or twill, quality guaranteed. Pair, 2½ x 3½, 3/11; 2½ x 3, 31/11; 2½ x 2½, 28/11; 2 x 3, 25/11; 2½ x 2, 24/11. Odd Sheets—A number of Plain White Sheets offered to clear at, each 4/11½

Unbleached Twill ..... single bed size, free from ..... ideal for hotels, institutions, etc. Sale Price, each 3/6

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LEGAL NOTICES.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.

Pursuant to an Order of the Chancery Judge, made in a Cause,

CRANNY v. WARD (1922, No. 429),

All persons claiming to be Incumbrancers affecting all that farm of land and premises, containing 42a. 1r. and 31p., S.M., or thereabouts, called on the Ordnance Survey maps, Cloughmacoo, situate in the Barony of Moyashlin, Parish of Nobber and County of Meath, together with the house, buildings, erections and improvements thereon, are by their Solicitors to enter and prove their claims at the Chambers of the Chancery Judge, Dublin Castle, Dublin, on or before the 11th day of January, 1924, or in default they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order. Every claimant holding any security is to produce the same at the said Chambers on the 21st day of January, 1924, at 11 o'clock on the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating upon the claims.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1923.

THOS. W. ELEBEKER, Chief Clerk.
ROONEY and COMPANY, Solicitors, 21 Upper Ormond quay, Dublin.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

PATRICK J. CULLINAN, late of Carrollstown, Trim, County Meath, Esq., Deceased.

Creditors of the above-named Deceased are hereby required to furnish detailed particulars of their claims at once to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executors.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1923.

BROWN and McCANN, Solicitors, 23 Anglesea street, Dublin.

PETER BRODRY, 54 Upper George's street Dun Laoghaire (late Kingstown), County Dublin, Deceased.

All persons having Claims against estate of above-named Deceased will please send detailed particulars thereof to undersigned Solicitors for Executors.

28th December, 1923.

CHARLES J. REDDY and SON, Solicitors, 14 Westland Row, Dublin.

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